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Secretary General
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
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Hong Kong
(Attn: Miss Flora TAI
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Dear Miss TAI,

**Minutes of Meeting of the
Panel on Home Affairs -
Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and
Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils
held on Tuesday, 28 June 2005**

Regarding Paragraph 23 of the Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 June 2005 which recorded that the Honourable WONG Kwok-hing had requested the Administration to provide in writing the supplementary information about the provision of swimming pool facilities in Area 2, Tung Chung, we would like to provide the following supplementary information for your reference:

As recommended in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, a district with a population of 287 000 should be provided with a swimming pool complex. Tung Chung has a current population of about 69 000, which is expected to rise to roughly more than 90 000 in 2013. As the estimated future population size of Tung Chung does not meet the criterion for provision of a swimming pool complex, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has reviewed the scope of the above project with the aim of providing swimming pool facilities to the residents of Tung Chung as early as possible. The LCSD proposed that the project be implemented in two phases, with the first one covering the construction of the following major facilities:

- ◆ an indoor heated main pool (50m by 25m)
- ◆ an outdoor training pool (25m by 25m)
- ◆ sunbathing facilities
- ◆ spectator stand
- ◆ ancillary facilities.

The LCSD consulted the Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee under the Islands District Council on 4 July 2005 in respect of the above proposal and the Committee supported the proposal.

The Department is now actively engaged in the early planning stage of the Phase 1 project of Tung Chung Swimming Pool Complex. It is anticipated that the commencement of the project will be advanced to early 2009 and it will be completed in late 2011 for public use.

Yours sincerely,

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for Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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