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Dear Mr Lau,

Task Force on Emergency Transport Coordination

In July 2005 and August 2006, we briefed Members on our efforts in implementing the recommendations of the above Task Force. I am writing to inform Members of the latest developments in respect of the dissemination of real-time traffic information to the public.

In January 2007, with the assistance of the Hong Kong Wireless Development Centre, we have agreed with Hutchison Telephone Company Limited and PCCW/HKT Telephone Limited on a trial scheme to provide them with the closed-circuit television (CCTV) images captured by the Transport Department for dissemination to their mobile phone users free of charge. We will review the arrangement with the relevant service providers in due course. We have also developed a PDA version of the CCTV snapshots of real-time traffic condition, which will enable PDA users to browse these snapshots in a more convenient manner. These new initiatives will provide the public with more channels to access real-time traffic information, and facilitate them in making informed route choices.

We will continue to explore more means to disseminate timely traffic information to the public, and take forward other improvement measures recommended by the Task Force.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Lau', written in a cursive style.

(Clement Lau)
for Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works