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Dear Mr Zimmerman,

Thank you for your letters of 28 June and 10 July to the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Commissioner for Tourism respectively. I have been asked to reply to you on their behalf.

Our assessment of locating a new cruise terminal on the West Kowloon waterfront indicates that –

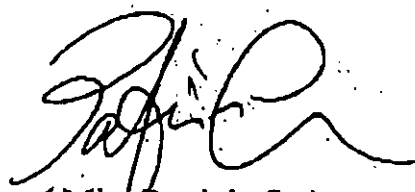
- (i) a terminal with two along-side berths could be built at Kai Tak without reclamation, but the shoreline along West Kowloon does not have the same expansion capability;
- (ii) the water depth of the foreshore around West Kowloon (around 5m to 8m) is much shallower than that near the tip of the ex-Kai Tak runway (around 8m to 10m). Substantial dredging would be required in the Yau Ma Tei Fairway and the berthing area for the manoeuvring and/or berthing of mega cruise ships;

- (iii) building a cruise terminal on the West Kowloon waterfront would affect vessels operating to and from a number of nearby marine facilities, including the China Ferry Terminal and Yau Ma Tei Anchorage and mooring buoys. At the same time, these vessels would affect cruise ships sailing to and from the cruise terminal; and
- (iv) the surrounding road network, public transport system and ancillary facilities in the adjoining West Kowloon area would not be able to support both the cruise terminal and development envisaged for the area.

A draft Preliminary Outline Development Plan for Kai Tak incorporating the cruise terminal site was promulgated for public consultation in late June 2006. The Plan proposes to redevelop the Kai Tak site into a hub for sports, recreation, tourism, business and quality housing for local population and overseas visitors. The proposed cruise terminal at the tip of the ex-runway, with its integration with the Kai Tak Development and commanding view of the Victoria Harbour and Lei Yue Mun, will become an attractive tourist destination. The Kai Tak Development will also provide the impetus to help revitalise the surrounding districts and promote diversified economy in South East Kowloon.

In the light of the above, the Government considers that Kai Tak is the preferred site for building a cruise terminal.

Yours sincerely,



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