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The Hon Lau Wong-fat
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Dear Sir:

I write in connection with LegCo's meeting on the Government Briefing Paper about the use of the Tamar site in Central. I believe that Hong Kong's potential to be a true "world city" depends on the better development of public uses of and access to our harbor on both the Hong Kong and Kowloon sides. Maximum emphasis should be placed on park space, uninhibited promenades, reduction of traffic and cultural facilities. As a resident of the Central mid-levels and an occupant of Exchange Square office space (and a taxpayer for almost 10 years), I believe strongly that Hong Kong should look to the model of Singapore and Sidney for the appropriate development of "breathing" space along our harbor. Too often government and developers think about short term aims, such as maximizing land revenues. The indirect benefit of improving the Central harbor front in terms of improved environment will be priceless in the long-term. As for appropriate government office space, based on the sparse available information, I believe that the government should make use of current space, which can be renovated, or move to less expensive quarters in other districts. This should be a second priority at best.

Regards,

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