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(Attn.: Mr. Anthony CHU, Clerk to Public Works Subcommittee)

Dear Mr. CHU,

Public Works Subcommittee
Follow-up to meeting on 15 June 2007
Item PWSC(2007-08)31

I refer to your letter to Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury dated 18 June 2007, and would like to provide below the supplementary information on the trees to be felled under the project **713CL – Tai Po development – Formation and servicing of Areas 12 (part) and 39, phase 2A** as requested by Hon. Chan Yuen-han.

The 854 trees to be felled under the project **713CL** were either planted by the villagers or have grown naturally over the years. No planting record is available to ascertain their exact age. We can only estimate the age based on site observations making reference to the tree diameters and growth rates. However, it is difficult to determine with accuracy the actual age of these trees, as trees of different species, and even trees of the same tree species but growing under different site conditions (such as water source, soil conditions, living habitat, etc.), will have different growth rates.

Based on site observations, none of the trees to be felled could be described as particularly precious either by age or species. A vast majority of these trees (about 835 nos.) are less than 30 years old. For the 19 trees which we estimate to be 30 years old or more, their condition ranges from poor to fair, and they are unlikely to survive upon trans-plantation.

For the *Artocarpus Heterohpyllus* species mentioned by Hon. Chan Yuen-han, the oldest one is estimated to be less than 20 years old. A photograph and particulars of this tree are enclosed in **Annex A** for reference.

Yours faithfully,



(LI Cho-ming)

for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

c.c. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Attn.: Mr. Jack Chan)

Director of Civil Engineering and Development
(Attn.: Mr. John Chai)



相片顯示最老的“波蘿蜜”樹 - 樹齡估計少於 20 年

Photo showing the oldest “Artocarpus heterohpyllus” tree – with estimated age less than 20 years old

樹幹直徑	Trunk Diameter =	293mm
高度	Height =	7.5m
樹冠闊度	Spread =	8m