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Dear Ms Yau,

**Views on the Decommissioning Scheme and Use of  
the Cha Kwo Ling Public Cargo Working Area**

Thank you for your letter dated 9 May 2008 relaying the views of Members of the Kwun Tong District Council on the decommissioning scheme and use of the Cha Kwo Ling (CKL) Public Cargo Working Area (PCWA). Our replies are as follows.

The Government proposed to decommission the Kwun Tong (KT) and CKL PCWAs in 2011 to make way for the South East Kowloon Development. Subsequent to the new round of tender exercise for the berths in 2008, about 200m of vacant berths at the KT PCWA will be made available for conversion into a temporary promenade. The 200m marine frontage, which is adjacent to the Kwun Tong Pier, will be easily accessible to the public after it has been converted into a promenade.

According to the development schedule of Trunk Road T2, the CKL PCWA has to be closed in 2011. However, the other six PCWAs do not have sufficient vacant berths for the relocation of all the operators in the KT and CKL PCWAs. The Government, therefore, will decommission the two PCWAs with a gradual approach. We will encourage existing operators at the KT and CKL PCWAs to relocate on a voluntary basis to the vacant berths, arising from natural wastage, in other PCWAs.

Owing to economy of scale and efficiency, the 12 paper recyclers at the KT PCWA requested for co-location. After closure of the CKL PCWA in 2011, part of the marine frontage has to be vacated for the works site of Trunk Road T2 until 2016 and the residual frontage cannot be designated for open space development during the construction period. The Government, therefore, will allocate part of the marine frontage that cannot be opened to the public for the temporary accommodation of the 12 paper recyclers at the KT PCWA between 2011 and 2016. The site will only be leased in the form of short-term tenancies. We would like to reiterate that the Government has not ignored the interests of the residents of Laguna City and CKL. Our proposal seeks to enable the existing operators to continue their business as far as circumstances permit, while the PCWAs are decommissioned, so that the impact on social, employment and the economy can be kept to a minimum.

Yours sincerely,

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