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The Hon. LAU Wong-fat
Chairman, LegCo Panel on Development
Legislative Council
Jackson Road, Central
Hong Kong

Dear Sir,

Creation of a Chief Landscape Architect Post

Whilst Hong Kong is recognized as a compact and efficient city, it has to be admitted that in terms of greening, we lag far behind many other neighbouring cities. We believe that environmental improvements and visual relief could be largely achieved through pro-active and generous soft landscaping.

The Chief Executive's Policy Address 2007 has rightly highlighted the importance and spearheaded the direction of building a green city. We appreciate such well intention in pushing ahead with greening works in our city. However, we do note the apparent lack of landscape architect manpower resources in Government vis-à-vis these demanding tasks. We have particular concern that, unlike other professional disciplines of planning, surveying, architecture and engineering, there is at present lacking a directorate-grade professional officer in the landscape architecture discipline to take on the strategic leading role for this discipline within the Government

The Development Bureau is now going to create a Chief Landscape Architect post. Establishment and funding approval for this directorate-grade post is being sought from the LegCo. HKIP would like to express our strong support to this initiative. HKIP also advocates that

the Government should provide greater resource commitment towards the implementation of urban greening at both the district and territorial levels at an expedient pace.

We hope that the successful creation of the Chief Landscape Architect post will present a positive image to the Hong Kong community that both our Administration and Legislature are working hand-in-hand for the betterment of the quality of our living environment.

Yours sincerely,



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