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13 February 2009

Clerk to Panel  
Panel on Development  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
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3 Garden Road, Central  
Hong Kong

(Attn: Mr WONG Siu Yee)

Dear Mr WONG,

**LegCo Panel on Development  
Views on public facilities in private developments**

Thank you for your letter of 24 December 2008 inviting the Institution to put forth our views on public facilities in private developments.

We are pleased that our views submitted on 22 May 2008 have been taken by the Administration as shown in the LegCo papers. Nevertheless, we regret that our specific suggestion in support of a designated department to manage the facilities has not been explicitly addressed. In light of this, I am pleased to attach again our previous submission for further consideration of the Panel.

Please also be informed that the HKIE will not have any representative in attending the Panel meeting to be held on Monday, 16 February 2009.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ir Peter Y WONG  
President

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22 May 2008

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3 Garden Road, Central  
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(Attn: Ms Christina SHIU)

Dear Ms Shiu,

**LegCo Panel on Development –  
Views on the provision of public facilities in private developments**

Thank you for your letter of 28 April 2008 inviting the Institution to put forth our views on the captioned subject.

Together with expert views received from our relevant Committee members, we are pleased to provide herewith our views for consideration and discussion at the Panel meeting.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ir Dr LO Wai Kwok MH JP  
President

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**Legislative Council – Panel on Development  
Views from the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers  
on the provision of public facilities in private development**

**General**

1. The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) refers to Government's paper on the provision of public facilities in private developments for the use by the public.
2. We opine that the incorporation of public facilities in private developments for public use has its value and is important for improving street environment and livelihood of communities.

**Recommended measures**

*Accessibility*

3. We consider it important that the public facilities in private developments must be easily accessible to members of the public with clear signage and notice of opening hours.

*Management*

4. To minimise any future abuses, we are of the view that management of the space should be retained by a designated department in the Government instead of by developers. The running cost would be similar as developers would have accounted for in their land price if the space is to be managed by them. Another way is to include a sum of money designated for such running costs in the lease condition. The money will then be kept by the responsible department for future operation/running.
5. If a designated department is to be responsible for the management of the public facilities in the private development, all future exhibitions and activities will be vetted, coordinated with the adjoining developer and approved by it in advance.
6. We note that there will be additional work arising from the designated department in the Government. Hence, we suggest a new cross-discipline office may need to be set up.