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Dear Ms Sit,

**LegCo Panel on Development  
Follow-up to Meeting on 22 October 2008**

We refer to the discussion at the Panel Meeting held on 22 October 2008 during which the Administration was requested to provide a timetable for the implementation of the 10 major infrastructure projects. As requested, the timetable for the implementation of the 10 major infrastructure projects is appended as Annex.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lam K C", written in a cursive style.

( K C Lam )

for Secretary for Development

**Latest Progress of Ten Major Infrastructure Projects**  
(17 December 2008)

Annex

Project	Start Date	Latest Progress
South Island Line (SIL) (East)	2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) commenced the preliminary planning and design of the SIL (East) in February 2008. The Stage-2 public consultation started in September 2008. The Government is now in discussion with the MTRCL on the detailed scope, cost and implementation programme for the SIL (East). The MTRCL will complete the preliminary design of the SIL (East) in early 2009 and to submit a revised project proposal, so that the railway scheme will be gazetted in 2009.</li> </ul>
Shatin to Central Link (SCL)	2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In March 2008, the Executive Council approved the MTRCL to proceed with the further planning and design of the SCL. The planning and design of the SCL has commenced, and public consultation in stages will start in early 2009.</li> </ul>
Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok Link and Tuen Mun Western Bypass	2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government commenced the investigation and preliminary design studies for the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link and the Tuen Mun Western Bypass in May and August 2008 respectively. The Government is now conducting public consultation for the two projects.</li> </ul>
Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL)	2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MTRCL is proceeding with the further planning and design of the Hong Kong Section of the XRL. The railway scheme was gazetted on 28 November 2008. Construction is targeted to begin in 2009.</li> </ul>
Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB)	Not later than 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Governments of HKSAR, Guangdong and Macao SAR are pressing ahead with the HZMB project and have endorsed the HZMB feasibility study report. Tender for the preliminary design and site investigation for the Main Bridge was invited on 1 December 2008, with an aim to start the preliminary design work in April 2009.</li> </ul>

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Hong Kong-Shenzhen Airport Co-operation (Hong Kong-Shenzhen Airport Rail Link)	Currently under preliminary study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Task Force on Airport Co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen, which was formed by the governments of the HKSAR and Shenzhen, has commissioned experts to conduct a preliminary study on the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Airport Rail Link. The Governments of the two sides will discuss the next steps of work having regard to the findings of the study.</li> </ul>
Co-development of the Lok Ma Chau Loop by Hong Kong and Shenzhen Governments	Currently under preliminary study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government (SZMG) have set up the “Hong Kong-Shenzhen Joint Task Force on Boundary District Development” to expedite the research and studies in relation to planning and development of the Lok Ma Chau Loop and the boundary district. As set out in the Chief Executive’s Policy Address, feasible uses including higher education, the research and development of new high technology as well as creative industries received wide support from the respondents of Hong Kong and Shenzhen. The two Governments will assess these proposals in greater depth with the key stakeholders with a view to finalising the specific uses and mode of development of the land. The Government plans to seek funding from LegCo in early 2009 with a view to commencing a comprehensive planning study in the middle of 2009.</li> </ul>
West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD)	Detailed design of various facilities is estimated to commence at end 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The WKCD Authority (WKCD) Bill was passed by the Legislative Council (LegCo) on 3 July 2008, which provides for the establishment of the WKCD to plan, develop and operate the facilities under its purview in the WKCD. The WKCD Ordinance came into effect on 11 July 2008. The LegCo approved, on 4 July 2008, an one-off upfront endowment of \$21.6 billion to the WKCD to cover the capital costs of the WKCD project. The Government is assisting the WKCD to press ahead with the preparation of the Development Plan for the WKCD and other strategic matters to bring the operation of the Authority into full swing.</li> </ul>

Project	Start Date	Latest Progress
Kai Tak Development	Site preparation works commenced in April 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Government is planning to submit funding applications for commencement of the first stage of infrastructure construction in mid 2009 to serve early developments in Kai Tak, including the new cruise terminal, public housing development and government offices.</li> <li>● Following the decision in late September 2008 that the Government will finance the development of the new cruise terminal, the Government has immediately commenced the preparatory work for the site formation and cruise terminal building works. The first berth of the cruise terminal is expected to commence operation in mid 2013.</li> </ul>
New Development Areas (NDAs)	The planning and engineering study on the NDAs at the northeast of the New Territories has commenced in June 2008 and is expected to be completed by end 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The 2 months Stage 1 public engagement exercise of the Planning and Engineering Study on the North East New Territories NDAs (i.e. Kwu Tung North, Fanling North, Ping Che/Ta Kwu Ling) has commenced in mid-November 2008. Subject to the progress of the study, the preliminary Outline Development Plans will be prepared in mid-2009 for consultation in the Stage 2 public engagement process. The planning and engineering study on the Hung Shui Kiu NDA is also scheduled for commencement in 2009.</li> </ul>