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To Hon. Miriam LAU Kin-Yee, GBS, JP Chairman, Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways, Legislative Council Building, 8 Jackson Road, Central, Hong Kong

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Rear Minan,

## Extension of MTR Island Line to Siu San Wan

I am writing to invite the Subcommittee on Matters Relating to Railways to bring up the subject of the feasibility of building an extension of the Island Line to Siu San Wan for discussion as soon as possible.

Since 1991, the Eastern District Council has been lobbying for the construction of an Island Line extension to serve the community at Siu San Wan. Nowadays, Siu San Wan has grown into a 70,000-people community, but their repeated requests for an MTR services continue to be ignored by the Hong Kong government and MTR Corporation (MTRC), with the latter citing technical and financial reasons for their refusal.

Nonetheless, there is a genuine and urgent need for such an extension. Siu San Wan Road is in fact the only main road that connects Siu San Wan with the rest of Hong Kong, and therefore, the traffic there is consistently heavy. The traffic congestion is further compounded by poor air quality generated by the traffic. With a view to improving the living environment and well-being of the Siu San Wan community, it is incumbent on both the Hong Kong government and the MTRC to ameliorate the situation by constructing the Siu San Wan extension.



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I would like to invite the Subcommittee to discuss this subject so as to reflect local residents' concerns to the government and the MTRC.

Yours sincerely,

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CC. other Subcommittee members