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Dear Ms Yue,

**Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry
Follow-up to meeting on 15 December 2009**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry on 15 December 2009, the Deputy Chairman of the Panel the Dr Hon Lam Tai-fai requested the Administration to provide information relating to the economic benefits which may arise from the HKSAR's participation in the world Exposition 2010 Shanghai China. The relevant information is at Annex for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kinnie Wong', written over a horizontal line.

(Ms Kinnie Wong)

for Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

**Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry
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**HKSAR's Participation
in the World Exposition 2010 Shanghai China (Shanghai Expo)**

On the Number of Visitors Travelling through Hong Kong to Shanghai Expo

During the Shanghai Expo period, we anticipate that there will be overseas visitors travelling to Shanghai Expo through Hong Kong. Taking into account more recent trends in regard to the share of overseas visitors travelling to the Mainland through Hong Kong, and the expected number of visitors to the Shanghai Expo, the Government Economist has estimated that there will be 80,000 visitors (in the main scenario) to 120,000 visitors (in the high scenario) overseas visitors (including those from Taiwan) going to the Expo via Hong Kong.

Economic Benefits for Hong Kong

2. With reference to the above estimation and the tourist spending, the quantifiable economic benefit to Hong Kong which would arise from our participation in the Shanghai Expo, at 2009 prices, is estimated to be \$257 million (in the main scenario) to \$385 million (in the high scenario).

3. Although the economic impact brought to different industries as a result of HKSAR's participation at the Shanghai Expo will be difficult to quantify, the economic benefit is likely to be infiltrated into tourism and related industries (such as hotels, restaurants, retail and transportation industries) as a result of the expected increase in the number of induced visitors to Hong Kong. Around 90% of companies in the retail, accommodation and food and beverage industries are small and medium enterprises in Hong Kong. We believe that they will generally benefit from the positive business environment with ample business opportunities. The HKSAR's participation in the Shanghai Expo will be conducive to the economic development of Hong Kong, and will also bring indirect benefit to a wide spectrum of local industries.