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Hong Kong

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Panel Chair  
LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Dear Panel Chair,

**Ex-gratia Allowance for Trawler Owners,  
Voluntary Buying out of Trawler Vessels and  
One-off Grants to Local Deckhands Affected by the Trawl Ban**

On behalf of the Marine Biological Association of Hong Kong, I write to support the initiative of the HKSAR Government to ban trawling in Hong Kong waters and the management measures to control fishing effort in Hong Kong waters, in order to revive our marine resources in the long term. I also support the proposed measures on ex-gratia allowance and one-off grants to help those being affected by the trawl ban. These measures seem to be fair and equitable, depending on the extent that the fishermen's operations would be affected. Apart from financial assistance, provisions of adequate training to those fishermen who would like to switch to other jobs should be provided, to help maintain their long-term livelihood.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman