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(Attn: Ms Sharon CHUNG)

Dear Ms CHUNG,

**Follow-ups on Outstanding Items  
for Discussion in the Panel on Development**

We refer to the two outstanding items for discussion in the Panel on Development, namely (a) Planning of Kowloon West (Item 13) and (b) Enhancement and beautification for streets in Kowloon West (Item 14), suggested by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan at the meetings of Panel on Development on 16 October 2012 and 10 October 2013.

As follow-ups on the above two items, the Development Bureau, the Planning Department and the Highways Department met with Dr Hon CHIANG and District Council (DC) Members Messrs PUN Kwok Wah, NG Po Keung and CHAN Wai Ming on 24 February 2015 and explained to them the Government's responses to the two items, as summarised in the following paragraphs.

## **Planning of Kowloon West**

Dr Hon CHIANG proposed to formulate a master plan to develop Kowloon West, in the light of the inadequate provision of ancillary facilities in the old areas in the district where many new “toothpick” buildings had been built.

The old districts of Kowloon West are covered by Outline Zoning Plans (OZPs) which provide a comprehensive planning framework for various developments and infrastructures, community facilities and open space. Taking into account air ventilation and visual considerations, most of the OZPs have also incorporated suitable building height controls in order to achieve a stepped height profile descending towards the waterfront.

## **Enhancement and beautification for streets in Kowloon West**

Dr Hon CHIANG also suggested that the Government should prepare enhancement and beautification plans for the streets in Kowloon West with special features, such as Temple Street, to improve the environment and attract tourists. In particular, the question was raised at the meeting on whether there was any policy to provide greening at spaces underneath flyovers.

In general, the bridge deck of a flyover would be considered for greening. A set of guidelines has been put in place to enhance the greening on new footbridges and flyovers in built-up areas. However, the provision of greening underneath flyovers might be subject to certain limitations. For instance, the spaces underneath a flyover might be of limited headroom and have insufficient sunlight and rainwater for planting. Also, some of the spaces might be designated for other uses, e.g. office of non-government organisation, and are not available for greening. The relevant departments will continue to improve the street environment through quality greening and landscape work in accordance with the established mechanism and guidelines.

The Government will further liaise with Dr Hon CHIANG and the DC members on the above issues should they have other questions or suggestions.

Yours sincerely,



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