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Dear Mr Chu,

Public Accounts Committee
Consideration of Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No.65
Reduction and recycling of food waste

With reference to your letter dated 30 December 2015, please find the enclosed information pertaining to items (a) and (b) set out in your letter at **Annex**.

Yours sincerely,

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Response to Public Accounts Committee regarding Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 65 Reduction and recycling of food waste

- (a) with reference to paragraph (b) of the Annex to your reply dated 22 December 2015, whether the Education Bureau (“EDB”) would in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Department consider organizing workshops for schools to explain the methodologies of measuring food-waste quantities

EDB will liaise with the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) on issuance of guidelines to schools on the methodologies of measuring food-waste quantities. In collaboration with EPD, EDB will arrange to explain the relevant details to schools through suitable means such as seminars, sharing sessions or workshops.

- (b) according to paragraph (d) of the Annex to your reply dated 22 December 2015, regarding the four new schools installed with on-site meal portioning facilities not adopting on-site meal portioning, one school has already implemented on-site portioning since the commencement of the 2015/2016 school year and another school has adopted food portioning in classroom which could achieve similar effect as on-site meal portioning. In this regard,

- (i) reasons for the remaining two schools not adopting food portioning in classroom which could achieve similar effect as on-site meal portioning

The two schools having difficulties in implementing on-site meal portioning (OMP) have already adopted other measures to practise green lunch, such as using reusable containers and cutlery. Though food portioning in classroom is developed by a few schools and has yet to be a common practice, we would encourage the two schools to adopt such a measure as far as possible to achieve similar effect as OMP.

(ii) measures that EDB has taken/will take to encourage schools to adopt food portioning in classrooms

EDB will work towards raising schools' awareness of the different means to reduce food waste. Through circulars and guidelines, EDB will include food portioning in classroom as an effective means to minimize food wastage in meal arrangements and encourage schools which are assessed to be technically not feasible to adopt OMP to take this as a green lunch measure. EDB will liaise with EPD to arrange sharing sessions with schools on the successful implementation of OMP including food portioning in classroom.