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Dear Sir,

Bills Committee on Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2017 and Stamp Duty (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2017

Thank you for your letter dated 12 October 2017 inviting The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) to offer its views on the Stamp Duty (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2017 ("the No. 2 Bill).

The HKIS generally welcomes and is in support of the No. 2 Bill to tighten the exemption arrangement for Hong Kong permanent residents under the New Residential Stamp Duty regime.

In respect of the Bills Committee meeting to be held on 7 November 2017, we regret to inform that there will be no representative attending from the HKIS.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

Sr Thomas Ho President

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors