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Clerk of Panel on Commerce and Industry
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Dear Mr Lam,

Panel on Commerce and Industry
List of Follow-up actions of 25 January meeting

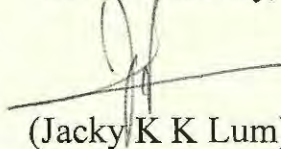
At the meeting of the LegCo Panel on Commerce and Industry on 25 January, a Panel member requested the Administration to provide information on the implementation progress of the "Register of Hong Kong Professional Firms" and other related implementation measures since they were promulgated in June 2016. In response to the request, the information provided by the Development Bureau (DEVB) is as follows.

“DEVB and Qianhai Management Authority (QHMA) signed a co-operation agreement in September 2013 to facilitate Hong Kong professionals and enterprises in the construction and related engineering sector to provide services directly in Qianhai. QHMA subsequently promulgated the "Register of Hong Kong Professional Firms" (the Register) and other related implementation measures on 29 June 2016. Since the promulgation of the Register and implementation measures, so

far, four categories of Hong Kong companies, totaling 97 in number, have been included in the Register, including 43 Architecture, 18 Building Services, 15 Quantity Surveying and 21 Structural Engineering companies. Besides, QHMA has identified a development project of a Hong Kong developer at Qianhai as a pilot project to allow Hong Kong professionals and enterprises in the construction and related engineering sector to provide professional services for the project and apply Hong Kong's project management system. QHMA will conduct a review upon completion of the project and formulate the way forward based on the results and experience of the project. DEVB will strive for the opening up of the Register by QHMA to more categories of engineering services, e.g. Building Surveying and Landscape Architecture, etc. and will also actively pursue with QHMA to identify more pilot projects with a view to facilitating more Hong Kong firms to explore business opportunities in Qianhai."

As for a Panel member mentioning at the meeting that the Administration should provide the text of the agreement on cooperation arrangement between Guangdong and Hong Kong on exchanges on medical and health services signed at the 19th Plenary of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Cooperation Joint Conference held last year, we provided the Panel an information paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)39/16-17(01)) in October last year to brief members on the major outcomes of the Plenary of the Cooperation Joint Conference. In accordance with the established practice, the text of co-operation agreement between Guangdong and Hong Kong on exchanges on medical and health services as well as other cooperation agreements signed at the Plenary have also been included in the Annex to the paper.

Yours sincerely,



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