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Dear Mr SO,

Panel on Commerce and Industry

Follow-up to policy briefing cum meeting on 25 January 2017 Questions raised by Hon Tanya CHAN

When the agenda item IV regarding the relevant policy initiatives of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, and the Innovation and Technology Bureau was discussed at the above meeting, Hon Tanya CHAN raised a number of questions in respect of the new initiatives on convention and exhibition. The Administration was requested to provide a written reply to the questions raised by Hon Tanya CHAN. Details of the questions are as follows:

- (a) What are the justifications for the Administration's decision to invite the Hong Kong Trade Development Council ("HKTDC") to undertake the preliminary design work of the new convention centre to be constructed above the Exhibition Station of the Shatin to Central Link which is expected to be completed in around 2020, and to conduct a feasibility study on the proposal of the comprehensive development of the Wan Chai Sports Ground ("WCSG"), which includes the construction of convention and exhibition venues?

- (b) Whether the Administration will engage HKTDC to manage the new convention and exhibition facilities mentioned in paragraph (a) above in the future; if it will, whether the operation of the new convention and exhibition facilities will be required to be undertaken by the Polytown Company Limited ("PCL"), the current operator of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre ("HKCEC"), in the light of the provision of the "non-competition" clause included in the operation agreement signed in 1985 between HKTDC and PCL concerning the operation of HKCEC, which imposes restraints on either party's participation in the establishment of any exhibition facility or trade mart located in Hong Kong other than HKCEC and in operation at any time during the term of the operation agreement?
- (c) The Administration is requested to give a detailed account of justifications for the estimated shortfall of some 130 000 square metres of convention and exhibition venues at peak periods by 2028 in Hong Kong as shown in the findings of the consultancy study commissioned in 2014, namely, the Demand Study for New Convention and Exhibition Facilities in Hong Kong, and whether the Administration will provide a full copy of the Study for members' information.
- (d) What are the justifications for the proposed comprehensive development of WCSG including the construction of convention and exhibition venues, despite the fact that the convention and exhibition space at AsiaWorld-Expo is yet to expand to provide more convention and exhibition facilities, and there has been a piece of land available in Chek Lap Kok designated for the construction of convention and exhibition centres with a total gross floor area not exceeding 200 000 square metres as stipulated in a Modification Letter dated 14 September 2016 from the Lands Department to the Airport Authority and registered in the Land Registry by Memorial No. 16091500680010 concerning the remaining portion of Chek Lap Kok Lot No. 1 and the extension thereto?

I should be grateful if the Administration would provide a written reply to the above questions, together with relevant supplementary information, if any, (in both Chinese and English) **on or before Friday, 17 February 2017**, and forward the soft copy of the reply to Ms May LEUNG at mleung@legco.gov.hk. In line with our usual practice, the written information provided by the Administration will be made available to the media and the public, and uploaded onto the website of this Council on the Internet, unless you advise otherwise.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Desmond Lam', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

(Desmond LAM)
Clerk to Panel

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Hon Tanya CHAN

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