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Dear Hon. Tommy Cheung, GBS, JP,

LC Paper No. CB(1)817/16-17(07)

Support to the Creation of a Permanent Post of Chief Landscape Architect in the Architectural Services Department

On behalf of the Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA), I write to express our very strong support to the creation of a permanent Chief Landscape Architect (CLA) in Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) as proposed in LC Paper No. CB(1)817/16-17(07).

Landscape architects play a crucial role in green space planning and design, urban design as well as landscape construction and management. In view of the increasing scope and complexity of projects under ArchSD that require high level landscape professional expertise, there is a serious need for the Department to have a CLA post created to ensure the delivery of quality landscape service to meet the growing aspiration of the society for a quality built environment.

In fact, the HKILA has been raising repeated concern to the government on the lack of directorate landscape architect posts in various departments not only in ArchSD, but also in other major departments such as Highways Department and Civil Engineering and Development Department in which there are lots of mega scale infrastructure projects that genuinely require the leadership of additional CLAs in ensuring the high quality landscape design and management required. At present, there are over one hundred LAs in the government but there is only one CLA which compared badly to other professional grades. The serious imbalance and disparity has affected the landscape quality of the projects in general. The current proposal of creating a CLA in ArchSD is considered a step forward in addressing the serious lack of higher level landscape input.

The HKILA considers the creation of CLA posts in government will contribute in building a greener and more sustainable and pleasant environment for our society. We will appreciate the support of you and your committee in the creation of the new post in the coming meeting on 25 April 2017.

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Yours sincerely,

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