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Dear Doris,

Meeting of the Panel on Transport Proposals on technical legislative amendments on traffic arrangements for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge

At the meeting of Panel on Transport on 24 February 2017, members requested the Government to provide (a) international examples of traffic arrangements involving the switching between right-driving arrangement and the left-driving arrangement long a carriageway/bridge connecting two places, and (b) statistics on traffic accidents involving mainland drivers/mainland vehicles in Hong Kong. The reply of the Government is as follows.

Regarding (a), according to the information of the Transport Department, Thailand and Laos adopt the left-driving arrangement and the right-driving arrangement respectively. Taking the "Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge" which connects both places and crosses the border as an example, the road facilities for switching the left-driving and right-driving arrangements are located in the vicinity of the boundary crossing facilities in Laos (please refer to **Annex 1**). As regards the "Second Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge", the road facilities for switching



the left-driving and right-driving arrangements are located in the vicinity of the boundary crossing facilities in Thailand (please refer to **Annex 2**). There is no switching facility on the two bridges. Such arrangements are consistent with our present proposal for switching the left-driving and right-driving arrangements at the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities.

Regarding (b), according to the information of the Transport Department, there were 15,790, 16,170 and 16,099 traffic accidents in Hong Kong in the past three years (i.e. 2014, 2015 and 2016). Among them, 8, 11, 10 accidents (less than 0.07% of the total) involves Mainland vehicles respectively.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1



Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge 泰國-老撾友誼大橋

Annex 2



Second Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge 第二泰國-老撾友誼大橋