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Dear Ms LO,

**Signature Project Scheme (Kwun Tong District) -  
Construction of Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade**

The Hon AU Nok-hin wrote to the Under Secretary for Home Affairs and District Officer (Kwun Tong) on 6 June 2018 to enquire about the “Construction of Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade” (the Promenade Project). Our reply is set out in ensuing paragraphs.

**A. Consultation conducted and discussion on the Signature Project Scheme (SPS) by Kwun Tong District Council (KTDC)**

2. According to the policy in relation to the SPS, all SPS projects are advocated and decided by District Councils (DCs) and the implementation is also spearheaded by DCs, including consulting local residents and organisations at different stages through appropriate channels having regard to local circumstances, and enhancing residents’ understanding of the projects.

3. For the SPS of Kwun Tong District, KTDC decided at its meeting in March 2013 to adopt a bottom-up approach of the DC Members consulting residents in their constituencies on the SPS and reflecting the views collected from the public to KTDC. KTDC Members proposed 16 options after consultation with the residents. These included works and community services projects. A working group was established to examine the options.

4. The working group held five meetings and conducted site inspections. Subsequently, KTDC endorsed the “Construction of Lift Tower at Shung Yan Street in Kwun Tong” and the Promenade Project as the two SPS projects of Kwun Tong District at its meeting in November 2013. KTDC and the Architectural Services Department also consulted the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development of the Harbourfront Commission on the proposed design of the music fountains in December 2014, and the design was supported by members of the Task Force.

5. KTDC has all along paid attention to various views in the community throughout the process when planning the SPS. At the KTDC’s meeting on 1 November 2016, some Members moved a motion requesting the withdrawal of the Promenade Project. After thorough discussion, KTDC voted and passed another motion to adjourn the debate on that motion. In other words, the motion requesting the withdrawal of the Promenade Project was not passed. Overall speaking, KTDC continued to support the Promenade Project.

#### **B. Safety Measures of the Promenade Project**

6. The design of the Promenade Project has taken safety considerations into full account. The relevant measures include:

- (a) a raised platform is constructed at about 10 centimetres below the water surface of the performance water fountain to prevent drowning of visitors who fall into the fountain accidentally;
- (b) a pebbled area of about 300 millimetres wide is placed around the performance water fountain to remind visitors not to trespass the water zone;

- (c) the maximum height of water jets of the performance water fountain is set at 8 metres above the ground, which is lower than the level of Kwun Tong Bypass, and the lighting of the performance will not be projected above the bridge pier of the bypass, thereby safeguarding drivers on the Kwun Tong Bypass from being affected by the water jets and lighting of the performance water fountain;
- (d) the force of water jets in the wet play area is set at a safe level;
- (e) anemometers will be installed at the site to detect wind speed for adjustment of the height of water jets, so as to prevent water from spraying and affecting visitors; and
- (f) floor tiles of good slip resistance and associated drainage facilities will be placed around the music fountains to prevent water ponding for the sake of visitors' safety .

7. The repair and maintenance costs of the above safety measures will be covered by the additional annual government recurrent expenditure of about \$1.8 million for the Promenade Project. Moreover, the venue management staff of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will patrol the Kwun Tong Promenade and remind visitors to be mindful of safety as necessary.

8. The Home Affairs Department does not have statistics on water decorations of Government departments. We will seek information from departments concerned and provide them, if any, in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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