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Dear Ms LO,

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

The Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy wrote to the Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the Legislative Council on 20 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.

2. According to the policy in relation to the Signature Project Scheme (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 suitably adopting their opinions in the projects. In the course of project selection, DCs examine the feasibility and the benefits to be brought to the districts before deciding which projects to adopt. In the process of project design, DCs also actively study the opinions of the local communities on the project details with a view to better responding to the districts’ needs by optimizing the design or operational plan. District Offices in each district follow up on the relevant tasks having regard to the decisions of the DCs.

3. Kwun Tong District Council (KTDC) has all along paid attention to various views in the community throughout the process of planning the SPS. KTDC adopted a bottom-up approach in planning the SPS. The DC Members consulted residents in their constituencies on the SPS and reflected 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. Kwun Tong District Office (KTDO) immediately began work to coordinate with the relevant departments to take forward the projects.

5. To gauge public views on the specific design of the Promenade Project, KTDO conducted a survey in the vicinity of Kwun Tong Promenade between 20 May and 10 June 2015 interviewing over 800 Promenade users for their views on the addition of "water-friendly features" at the Promenade, and the concept plan of the fountains was shown to them during the interviews. Overall speaking, more than half of the interviewees supported adding water-friendly features, such as dry fountains/jumping jets/performance fountains, etc., at the Promenade. When asked about the size of the proposed fountains, around half of the interviewees considered the scale as appropriate and around one quarter of them expressed no comment.

6. KTDC had endorsed the implementation of the above two projects in 2013 already. KTDO's survey in 2015 intended to collect public views on the specific design of the fountains for internal reference and not for a decision to implement the Promenade Project.

Yours sincerely,



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