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Dear Hon Wu

Meeting on 27 February 2018

Development of Hong Kong's testing and certification industry

The Hong Kong Association for Testing, Inspection and Certification Limited (HKTIC) is representing a professional group of product testing and certification organizations in responding to the subjected Meeting. HKTIC has conducted meeting, discussed and gathered responses from its member organizations, and has consolidated the views as follows:

(1) As the Conformity Assessment community, we fully support the Government initiative to develop Hong Kong's testing and certification industry, and to achieve the goal of "TESTED IN HONG KONG, CERTIFIED IN HONG KONG". However, the industry is also facing with the land supply and manpower issues. Testing laboratories require large space to house their operation. Due to the hazardous discharge from laboratories, there are not many available areas in the territory which could be used to set up or expand laboratory operation. We would like to see that the Government can make available unoccupied industrial buildings for laboratory. The Government should also consider allocating new industry area reserve for laboratory in its long-term development plans.

(2) According to the Survey Report on Testing & Certification Activities in Hong Kong prepared for the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification (HKCTC) and published in December 2015, the T&C industry has been facing with shortage of manpower.



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Although the annual reports of HKCTC have indicated that there are around 10,000 graduates of various science subjects from universities and technical institutions should join the T&C industry every year, the T&C industry found that only a small portion of the graduated students joined the industry. As a result, the T&C industry is suffering from staff shortage. We recommend that the Government should consider releasing quota for importation of professionals from other countries to fill up the vacancies.

(3) To go in-line with the “TESTED IN HONG KONG, CERTIFIED IN HONG KONG” slogan, there are now ten product certification schemes developed and used in the market for building products. However, only the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HKHA) is using the product certificates. We would like to see that other departments, e.g. Architectural Services Department (ASD), Buildings Department (BD), etc, should also accept those product certificates in their requirements to increase opportunity for the certification bodies.

HKTIC is eager to provide our knowledge and technical assistance in supporting the Government’s development of Hong Kong’s testing and certification industry. We will be pleased to attend the Meeting on 27 February 2018 and to share our views and thoughts to the Panel.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Harry Yeung', is written over a blue horizontal line.

Harry Yeung

Chairman