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Dear Ms. Leung

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Subject Panel on Commerce and Industry Meeting on 27 February 2018
Development of Hong Kong's Testing and Certification Industry

As per our discussion over the phone on the subject. Being a member of the Association of Construction Materials Laboratories (ACML), I have the pleasure in giving my views as follows : -

- 1) Facing of the threats in terms of business from The Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (HOKLAS) / China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment (CNAS) accredited material testing laboratories in PRC

Nowadays, there are more and more material testing laboratories in PRC performing testing works with HOKLAS accredited. However, these laboratories are registered in PRC and accredited by CNAS and HOKLAS. They also bid for the welds Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) on steel components which to be fabricated in PRC with a comparatively lower price than that of HK registered laboratories because they benefit from a low direct and indirect business running cost.

It is without doubt that all steel components are now mostly fabricated in PRC workshops. It means that most of the welds, non-destructive test will be performed in the PRC workshops by those PRC laboratories. Under this circumstances, HK based laboratories with HOKLAS accredited, will suffer from lack of testing works.

Accordingly, we are facing challenge from those PRC registered laboratories and will lose all the testing works (welds NDT) which requested HOKLAS endorsed reports.

We suggest that Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS) should review the policy to accredit those PRC registered material testing laboratories.

Should you have any query, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 2946 7799.

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