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Subject: Retaining the Hong Kong Golf Course!

Dear Officer-in Charge,

As an established local turf profession for the last some 50 years I would like to provide my personal opinion on the retention of the Hong Kong Golf Course as follows:

1. With its over hundred years of history, the site of the course is now comprised of a vegetation unique in Hong Kong with a vast education value.
2. With its excellent facilities, it has been home for the decades-old venue for holding the Hong Kong Open (for Golf), a site acclaimed by the golf professionals as one of the best in the world. In recent years, it has been also the center for nursing the young and local golf professionals.
3. As an well known international city, it would be our obligation and duty to up-keep this international-standard golf facility so that to allow us to maintain our competitiveness.
4. Shedding entire golf course or part of it would not be practical and detrimental as it would comprise it actual value in a broader sense.

Hong Kong got lots of land, e.g. the so-called "brown land", land to be reclaimed along the sea coast (of course not in the Victory Harbor), military barracks in urban areas, e.g. near Baptist University, Tsim Sha Tsui, etc..

Thanks in advance for taking into consideration in your future planning.

BTW, Singapore got over 20 golf course and they got plenty of available land too. Not a fair comparison to be made between the two cities.

Best regards.

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