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Dear Ms WONG,

Legislative Council Panel on Education
Follow-up to the meeting on 5 January 2018

I refer to your letter of 12 January 2018. With regard to the request raised by the Deputy Chairman of the Panel on Education at the Panel meeting on 5 January 2018 for the Education Bureau (EDB)'s reconsideration of the in-situ redevelopment application of a secondary school in Kowloon Tong, our response is as follows:

EDB has all along attached great importance to the teaching and learning environment of schools, and has put in place various measures to improve the facilities and environment of schools, and maintain the safety of the school premises. These measures mainly include the School Improvement Programme implemented from 1994 to 2006, re-provisioning/redevelopment of school premises, as well as the regular major repairs and emergency repairs mechanism.

For in-situ redevelopment, since the intended targets are all primary and secondary public sector schools in need and the projects involve huge amounts of public resources, we would follow the prevailing practice and consider a host of factors such as technical feasibility, availability of suitable decanting premises, quality of education provided, sustainability of the school under consideration, and the supply and demand of school places in the district concerned. We also need to take into account the available manpower and foreseeable school building commitments within EDB, as well as the likely capacity constraints of the construction sector as gauged from past experience. We will consider if we could launch more projects having regard to the progress of the projects in hand, funding availability under the Public Works Programme in recent years and schools' demand and needs for redevelopment.

According to our record, EDB built a new annex for the school concerned through the School Improvement Project in 1999. The new facilities provided to the school included student activity centre, classrooms, staff room, staff common room and meeting room, etc. To ensure the safety of the school premises, necessary maintenance and improvement works were also carried out through the annual major repairs exercise and emergency repairs mechanism. In response to the school's application for in-situ redevelopment, EDB replied the school on 8 January 2018 that we would not be able to give priority to the school's in-situ redevelopment for the time being based on the above-mentioned considerations, and a copy of which has also been sent to the Deputy Chairman of the Panel. As regards the request of the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for our reconsideration of the school's application, we wish to point out that the above decision was made not long ago after careful consideration of the relevant circumstances and therefore we will maintain the original decision at this stage.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Education