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Hon Jeffrey Lam Kin-fung
Chairman
Panel on Economic Development of the Legislative Council
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road, Central
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(Attn: Ms Shirley Chan)

Dear Ms Chan,

**Panel on Economic Development
Motion passed at meeting on 12 December 2017**

Thank you for your letter dated 13 December 2017. Our response to the motion passed at the Panel meeting on 12 December 2017 is set out as follows.

As reported at the said Panel meeting, the consultant engaged by the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) has made preliminary recommendations on the regulation of unmanned aircraft system (UAS) in Hong Kong. The recommendations included, inter alia, a proposed registration system for UAS as well as operating requirements and safety requirements for different categories of UAS operations.

CAD considers that the findings and preliminary recommendations of the consultancy study provided a good foundation for the formulation of policy and regulatory blueprint for UAS operations. Bearing in mind that the operations and regulations of UAS involve a myriad of considerations, CAD will, together with relevant policy Bureaux and Departments, study the recommendations of the consultancy study in-depth.

As also mentioned at the Panel meeting, CAD plans to commence public consultation in the first quarter of 2018 and to complete the work by mid-2018. During the public consultation, views regarding the key recommendations proposed by the consultant would be collected. Members of the public are welcome to share their views on, among others, privacy related matters (Items I & III of the motion) and monitoring and enforcement related matters (Item II of the motion). CAD will continue to engage relevant Bureaux/Departments with a view to putting forward a regulatory proposal for UAS operations that suits local environment and circumstances well with due regard to relevant policies and resources involved. The objective is to strike a reasonable balance between facilitating the use of UAS by the public and protecting public safety.

Thank you for your attention to the matter

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'J' and 'C' that loops together.

(Ms Joyce Chan)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

c.c. DGCA (Attn: Ms Yamani Chan)