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**Independent Review Committee on
Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service**

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Dear Mr Woo,

**Invitation for Written Submissions for Consideration by the
Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service**

The Chief Executive announced on 13 March 2018 that an Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service (the Committee) had been set up, following the occurrence of the fatal incident on Tai Po Road on 10 February 2018 and other recent serious incidents involving franchised buses in Hong Kong. From the point of view of safety, the Committee is required to examine the operation and management of bus franchises and the related regulatory and monitoring system of franchised buses, so as to make recommendations to the Chief Executive of safety-related measures with a view to sustaining a safe and reliable franchised bus service. The terms of reference of the Committee are set out in the Annex to this letter.

The Committee commenced its work on 28 March 2018. The Committee will, from the point of safety, examine the operation and management of bus franchises under the current legislative, franchise and other contractual requirements, together with any guidelines and/or practices, and examine the present regulatory and monitoring system for franchised buses.

As instructed by the Chairman of the Committee, the Honourable Mr Justice Michael Lunn, I am writing to invite the Panel on Transport (the Panel) to provide a written submission to the Committee on the abovementioned matters. Specifically, the Panel is invited to provide a list of all relevant discussion papers and meeting records of the Panel (including any subcommittees, working groups or task forces, if applicable) relating to the safety and operation of franchised bus service, in particular on aspects such as bus design and adoption of safety devices or technology in buses, design of roads on which franchised bus service is operated, employment (remuneration package, full-time or part-time employment modes) and working conditions of

bus captains (work and rest hours, staff resting facilities), as well as any other issues and comments that the Panel wishes to raise.

Furthermore, Members of the Panel may also submit their individual submissions to the Commission regarding the operation and monitoring of franchised bus service.

I should be grateful if the submission of the Panel could reach the Secretariat of the Committee by 17 April 2018. Please send the submission by hard and soft copies to:

By post: Secretariat to the Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service, 21/F, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Admiralty, Hong Kong (*with the envelope specifying the written submission is enclosed*); and

Via email: secretariat@irc-bus.gov.hk (*with the email heading specifying the written submission is enclosed*)

The information provided in the written submission will be considered by the Committee in reviewing the matters it is directed to consider under the terms of reference of the Committee and in drawing up its recommendations. If necessary, the Committee may invite the Panel and Members who have provided their individual submissions separately to provide supplementary written and/or oral submissions. Please also be advised that all submissions (including any annexes, appendices and attachments contained therein) will be treated as public information and, at the discretion of the Committee, may be published on the Committee's website.

Yours sincerely,



(CHAN Ping-fai, Peter)
Secretary, Independent Review Committee on
Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service

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**Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service
Terms of Reference**

From the point of view of safety, in the light of the fatal accident on 10 February and other recent serious incidents involving franchised buses in Hong Kong:

- (a) to examine the operation and management of bus franchises under the current legislative, franchise and other contractual requirements;
- (b) to examine the present regulatory and monitoring system for franchised buses; and
- (c) in relation to the above, to make recommendations to the Chief Executive on safety-related measures with a view to sustaining a safe and reliable franchised bus service in Hong Kong.

Note:

Issues relating to the causes and liability of persons involved in the fatal accident on 10 February 2018 will be investigated by the Police and fall outside the Committee's terms of reference.