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Dear Mr WOO,

Panel on Transport

**Request for Relaxing Eligibility Criteria for
Quota for Dual-plate Private Cars Using
Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge to Cover
Hong Kong Residents Who Are Property Owners in Zhuhai**

On 29 March 2018, the Panel on Transport issued a letter to the Transport and Housing Bureau, requesting the Government to respond to the letter of 26 March from Hon CHAN Han-pan on his request for relaxing the eligibility criteria for the quota for dual-plate private cars using the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) to cover Hong Kong residents who are property owners in Zhuhai. Our response is set out below.

In anticipation of the commissioning of the HZMB, the governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have been actively conducting studies and holding discussions to formulate a set of cross-boundary traffic arrangements which meet the needs of local residents, travellers and trades in the three places, so as to maximise the economic and transport benefits of the HZMB. The three governments have agreed to provide different modes of cross-boundary transportation, including cross-boundary shuttle buses, cross-boundary coaches, cross-boundary hire car services, cross-boundary goods vehicles and cross-boundary private cars, for travellers with various transport needs to travel between Guangdong and Hong Kong as well as between Hong Kong and Macao using the HZMB.

As regards cross-boundary private cars travelling between Guangdong and Hong Kong, with a view to maximising the social, economic and transport benefits of the HZMB, after deliberations by the Hong Kong and Guangdong governments, the application criteria for Hong Kong cross-boundary private cars using the HZMB have been relaxed. Details are as follows:

- (1) Enterprises with an accumulative tax amount of at least RMB 100,000 in Guangdong in the past three years (including the application year), irrespective of the investment amount;
- (2) Recognised national high-tech enterprises;
- (3) Hong Kong residents who donated charitable work for an accumulative amount of RMB 5 million in Guangdong; or
- (4) Hong Kong residents who are members of the National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference at national level or at provincial, prefectural and county level of Guangdong province.

Individuals who have applied under quotas for other crossings may still submit their applications, provided that they have met the above criteria.

In light of the demand, the two governments have provided a quota of 10 000 for Hong Kong cross-boundary private cars to travel to and from the Mainland using the HZMB.

To make better use of the HZMB and tie in with the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area, the Mainland and Hong Kong governments will continue to study measures that will facilitate Hong Kong cross-boundary private cars entering the Mainland via the HZMB, including reviewing the number of quota and the application criteria, having regard to the capacities of their respective boundary crossing facilities and local connecting roads. The arrangements for Mainland cross-boundary private cars entering Hong Kong will not be covered under such studies.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Transport and Housing