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Dear Tanya,

**Integration and connectivity of the West Kowloon Cultural District
with its neighbouring district**

Thank you for your letter dated 29 May 2018. Please find below our response to the questions set out in your letter.

The West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA) has carried out the testing of a completely autonomous vehicle. The first phase of the trial started off at the Nursery Park of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) in the second half of 2017. It mainly tested the vehicle performances in different pre-set scenarios. The second phase started in January 2018 and invited visitors to take part in the trial. Alongside familiarisation with the safe operation of the vehicle, WKCDA collected participants' views of the vehicle and suggestions for improvement. In view that autonomous vehicles are a new form of transportation, WKCDA tends to test the vehicle progressively to ensure meeting all safety requirements. Subject to the consent by relevant authorities, we will consider extending the trial routes to the Park and other venues when they open their doors. WKCDA currently does not have any timeframe to complete the trial.

Regarding the testing of the autonomous vehicle, WKCDA has always been in close communication with the Transport Department. It has applied for the movement permit for the vehicle at each phase of the trial. The testing prerequisites are set out on the permit.

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On a separate note, the demand for coach parking was calculated based on the forecast of visitor numbers of all WKCD facilities and their modal split. In accordance with WKCDA's estimation, the required number of coach parking spaces is 24 upon completion of the entire WKCD facilities. All relevant departments, including the Transport Department, provide no adverse comment on this estimation. To address the coach parking demand, WKCDA will provide 43 coach parking spaces in total.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Ms Mable Chan, JP, Commissioner for Transport
Hon Lau Kwok-fan, MH, Chairman of the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the
Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project