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Dear Ms SIT,

**Signature Project Scheme (Kwun Tong District) -
Construction of Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade**

The Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy wrote to the Chairman of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on 2 November 2018 on views on the “Construction of Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade” (the Music Fountains Project). Our reply is set out in ensuing paragraphs.

According to the policy in relation to the Signature Project Scheme (SPS), all SPS projects are advocated and decided by District Councils (DCs) and the implementation is also spearheaded by DCs, including consulting local residents and organisations at different stages through appropriate channels having regard to local circumstances, and suitably adopting their opinions in the projects. In the course of project selection, DCs examine the feasibility and the benefits to be brought to the districts before deciding which projects to adopt. District Offices in each district follow up on the relevant tasks having regard to the decisions of the DCs.

In planning the SPS, the Kwun Tong District Council (KTDC) has all along adopted a “bottom-up” consultation approach. The DC Members gauged views from the public on the SPS for the formulation of suitable projects and reflected the views collected to KTDC. The Music Fountains Project and the “Construction of Lift Tower at Shung Yan Street in Kwun Tong” were endorsed by KTDC as the two SPS projects at its meeting in November 2013 with no objection from any of the DC Members. In June this year, having considered the views of Members of the Public Works Subcommittee, the design of the music fountains was revised with the size of wet play area enlarged. There are 28 KTDC Members (i.e. more than 70%) who signed a joint letter in support of the revised design and demanded re-submission of the Music Fountains Project to the LegCo as soon as possible for early funding approval. This shows that KTDC has all along supported the Music Fountains Project. The submission of the funding application to the FC of the LegCo for deliberation is an action respecting and supporting the decision of KTDC.

Regarding the concerns expressed in the letter over the provision of medical services in Kwun Tong District, the Chief Executive mentioned in her Policy Address delivered in October this year that a District Health Centre will be provided at a “Government, Institution or Community” site in Kwun Tong. The measure will be conducive to enhancing the primary healthcare services in the district.

Yours sincerely,



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