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Mr. Anthony CHU
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Dear Mr. CHU,

Public Accounts Committee
Consideration of Chapter 6 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 71
Barrier-Free Facilities at Government Premises

Thank you for your letter dated 17 December 2018 requesting response / information to facilitate the Public Accounts Committee's consideration of the above Chapter. Please find our reply below:

- (a) According to paragraph 4.10, 30 works orders for upgrading the barrier-free facilities under the Retrofitting Programme had been delayed for 730 days or more. Had the Architectural Services Department proactively checked with the contractors on the progress of submitting documents which were required under the contracts and works orders implementation progress during the delay period?

Amongst the 30 works orders for upgrading barrier-free facilities under the Retrofitting Programme, the delay for 29 works orders was mainly due to the contractors' late submission of documents which were required under the contracts. Therefore, ArchSD could not certify the timely completion of the works including all associated tasks. This notwithstanding, there was no delay in the provision of the barrier-free facilities for use by the public in such cases.

Regarding the concerned works contracts, ArchSD held regular monthly progress meetings with the contractors to review their performance, including the progress of document submission. In view of the late submission of documents, notices of non-compliance had been issued to the contractors requesting improvement. Their performance had also been reflected in their performance reports. Liquidated damages had subsequently been imposed on the contractors in accordance with the contract.

For the remaining works order, the delay was due to the time taken by the venue management department to resolve land issue at the design stage. ArchSD had proactively liaised with the department concerned to expedite finalisation of premises boundary for the implementation of the works.

ArchSD will further enhance the current management system to facilitate the monitoring of contractors' submission of documents. Our computer system will generate regular reports on overdue works orders for monitoring. Our project teams will review such reports and follow up with the contractors at regular progress meetings as a dedicated agenda item.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and strokes, positioned above the printed name.

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