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Clerk of Panel on Commerce and Industry
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Dear Mr Lam,

**Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry
List of Follow-up actions of 20 November 2018 Meeting**

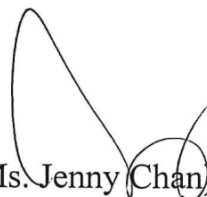
At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry on 20 November 2018, a Panel member enquired the Administration about the development of the proposal for the Mainland to relax the restrictions with regard to the scope of projects undertaken by Hong Kong construction and engineering enterprises in the Mainland and the progress of follow up work under the framework of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA).

We have been actively reflecting to the Mainland authorities the trade's request to further participate in the Mainland's construction projects. On 23 November 2018, the State Council promulgated the "Notice Concerning Certain Support Measures to

Deepen Reforms and Innovations in the Pilot Free Trade Zones” (“ the Notice ”) (《國務院關於支持自由貿易試驗區深化改革創新若干措施的通知》 - 國發 [2018] 38 號) (http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2018-11/23/content_5342665.htm). Amongst the measures announced in the Notice, it has removed the restrictions in “Regulations on Administration of Foreign-Invested Construction Enterprises” (《外商投資建築業企業管理規定》) with regard to the scope of projects that may be undertaken by Hong Kong construction enterprises in the Mainland pilot free trade zones, under the framework of CEPA.

This measure is a positive response to Hong Kong trade’s request to participate in more Mainland construction and related engineering projects. To assist the trade in making good use of this liberalisation measure under CEPA, the Trade and Industry Department (TID) will work with the Development Bureau (DevB) to disseminate information about this measure and follow up on the trade’s enquires, if any. TID and DevB will continue to liaise with the relevant Mainland ministries with a view to extending the implementation of this measure to the whole of the Mainland.

Yours sincerely,



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