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Clerk of Panel on Commerce and Industry
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Dear Mr. Lam,

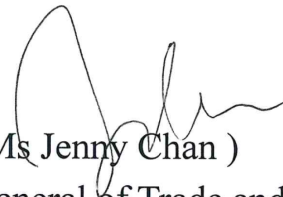
**Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry
List of Follow-up Actions of 18 December 2018 Meeting**

At the meeting of the Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry on 18 December 2018, a Panel member enquired the Administration about the progress of discussion with the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) on further opening of the Mainland market to Hong Kong's professional services sector in addition to the two new liberalisation measures in respect of the legal services and testing and certification sectors announced by the Mainland and Hong Kong Economic and Trade Co-operation Committee for implementation from March 2019.

The Administration and MOFCOM have recently reached consensus on the working targets for the next phase of liberalisation on trade in services under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), including further opening up the Mainland market to Hong Kong in trade in services and revising the schedule of commitments of the CEPA Agreement on Trade in Services by

shortening the existing negative list. We will actively discuss with MOFCOM to explore further preferences for Hong Kong service suppliers including professionals to access the Mainland market under CEPA.

Yours sincerely,



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for Director-General of Trade and Industry

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