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Dear Sirs,

**Re: Submission to the LegCo Panel on Development
on "Studies related to artificial islands in the central waters"**

The Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors (HKFEMC) would like to make a submission on "Studies related to artificial islands in the central waters" as a responsible member of the Hong Kong society. In doing so we refer to the papers LC Paper No. CB(1)729/18-19(03) and LC Paper No. CB(1)729/18-19(04) which together have provided relevant background information on the subject matter.

HKFEMC is of the view that "artificial islands in the central waters" is one of the options for the solution of the acute situation of land supply in Hong Kong. Although it will provide the largest area of new land, it has to be supplemented by the other options as recommended by the Task Force on Land Supply (TFLS). Those other options are able to provide additional land area, some of which can be available earlier, to serve more immediate needs.

Nevertheless, the large land area of "artificial islands" allows earlier planning on a grand scale, and enables long term goals for the society to be incorporated. It also allows the Administration to take into the other TFLS options into a master plan for land use under the overall time frame, so that the best synergy of the various options can be achieved. In other words the "artificial islands" is an anchoring element of the total land supply solution. It also has the additional advantage as leverage for better results of the total solution.

HKFEMC therefore fully support the appropriation of the necessary funding for the "Studies related to artificial islands in the central waters".

Yours very truly,

Paul CHONG
President