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By E-mail

Ms Angel SHEK
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Dear Ms Shek,

**“Guidance Notes for Solar Photovoltaic System Installation”
Launched Today**

To combat climate change, the Government is actively promoting the development of renewable energy (RE). It also introduced the Feed-in Tariff (FiT) to provide incentives for individuals and non-Government bodies to encourage them to invest in RE. The Chief Executive had announced in the 2018 Policy Address and Policy Agenda that further support and facilitation would be provided to individuals and organisations participating in RE development, including suitably relaxing the restrictions on installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on the rooftop of New Territories Exempted Houses (also known as “village houses”). Subject to the fulfilment of specified conditions, PV system including its supporting structure with height not higher than 2.5 metres may be installed on the rooftop of village houses such that residents may continue to use their roofs for legal purposes while combating climate change. The Government will also consider making appropriate relaxations for other private buildings, in particular the low-rise ones.

To assist the public to understand issues related to solar PV system installations and the FiT application procedures, the Government launched the Guidance Notes for Solar PV System Installation (Guidance Notes) today (October 15) (https://re.emsd.gov.hk/english/fit/useful_links/files/PVGuidanceNotes.pdf). The Guidance Notes cover the detailed requirements on the installation of solar PV systems on the rooftop of village houses.

The Government will also lead by example to develop RE at suitable premises and buildings, and will continue to launch various facilitation measures to encourage the community to join hands in fostering RE development. Members of the public and organisations can visit the Hong Kong Renewable Energy Net (HK RE Net) (re.emsd.gov.hk) or call the hotline of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (6395 2930) during office hours should they wish to obtain more information on the installation of solar PV panels.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Queenie LEE', written in a cursive style.

(Ms Queenie LEE)
for Secretary for the Environment