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Dear Dr CHAN,

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Transport accessibility of the Hong Kong Children's Hospital

Thank you for your letter dated 23 November 2018.

This Department has been working in concerted efforts with the Hospital Authority and other government departments in the progressive introduction, monitoring and reviewing of the public transport services for the commissioning of the Hong Kong Children's Hospital ('HKCH'). We are closely monitoring and actively planning transport services for the Hospital.

At present, there are two bus routes (Kowloon Motor Bus route 5R and Citybus route 22) and three green minibus ('GMB') routes (22A, 68 and 86). We also plan to commission two GMB routes, 90A and 90B, in February 2019. These public transport services connect the HKCH with five MTR stations, namely Kwun Tong Station, Ngau Tau Kok Station, Kowloon Bay Station, Yau Tong Station and Kowloon Tong Station.

For residents in Wong Tai Sin and Mong Kok, we recommend that they take the MTR Kwun Tong Line to Kowloon Bay MTR Station and interchange to GMB 86 to access to HKCH. This will make the best use of the available public transport services and avoid the congestion of some major roads such as Argyle Street and Prince Edward Road East.

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I would also like to add that we are working with Hospital Authority and Rehabus of the Hong Kong Society for Rehab in planning for a Rehabus feeder service connecting the Hospital and railway stations to facilitate people with mobility disability in traveling to and from the Hospital. It is our target that the feeder service will be put in place by Q1 of 2019.

This Department will continue to closely liaise with the relevant works departments in the road development in the vicinity of HKCH and review the passenger demand of HKCH with Hospital Authority and will adjust the public transport services as and when needed.

Yours sincerely,

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for Commissioner for Transport