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Dear Ms CHU,

**Panel on Transport Meeting
on 14 December 2018**

**Review of Assessment Mechanism for
Hillside Escalator Links and Elevator Systems Proposals**

Supplementary Information

In response to Members' request for supplementary information on hillside escalator links and elevator systems (HELs) at the Panel on Transport meeting held on 14 December 2018, our reply is set out below:

(a) Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Saddle Ridge Garden and Sai Sha Road

To improve the accessibility of hilly areas and facilitate people to commute, the Government established in 2009 a set of objective and transparent scoring criteria for assessing HEL proposals so as

to determine the priority for conducting preliminary technical feasibility studies for the 20 proposals received at that time. Upon completion of the assessment, the results were reported to the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Transport in February 2010. Two proposals were screened out and the remaining 18 proposals were ranked, including the Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Saddle Ridge Garden and Sai Sha Road (Pedestrian Walkway System at Saddle Ridge Garden) which ranked 16th.

According to the assessment system established in 2009, proposals were evaluated based on circumstantial, beneficial and implementation factors. The detailed assessment criteria under the three factors and their corresponding weighting are set out at **Annex A** to LegCo Paper No. CB(1)1190/09-10(03) (i.e. the paper on “Assessment Results on Proposals for Provision of Hillside Escalator Links and Elevator Systems” for discussion at the LegCo Panel on Transport meeting in February 2010). The consultant engaged by the Transport Department, when carrying out the detailed scoring at that time, had taken into account various considerations such as topographical conditions, technical and environmental constraints, connectivity with nearby facilities, benefits to local community, etc.

According to the preliminary technical feasibility study completed in August 2018, the proposed Pedestrian Walkway System at Saddle Ridge Garden is technically feasible. The Highways Department has thus engaged a consultant to carry out investigation and preliminary design in April 2019 and plans to consult District Council in the first half of 2020.

(b) Latest development of the four ranked HEL proposals in East Kowloon

Amongst the four ranked HEL proposals in East Kowloon, Pedestrian Link at Tsz Wan Shan and Yuet Wah Street Pedestrian Linkage were completed and open for public use; whereas project implementation of Pedestrian Link near Chuk Yuen North Estate and Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System at Luen On Street is still ongoing. The latest situation of the projects are tabulated as follows:

Rank	Project	Progress
1	Pedestrian Link at Tsz Wan Shan (Completed)	The project, involving a total of 15 facilities, is implemented under the Shatin to Central Link project. The construction works commenced in July 2012 and were completed. The pedestrian link has been opened for public use since October 2017.
8	Pedestrian Link near Chuk Yuen North Estate	HyD consulted and obtained general support from the Traffic and Transport Committee (T&TC) of the Wong Tai Sin District Council (WTSDC) on the preliminary design in July 2016 and March 2017. However, some schools and residents in the district subsequently raised objections. After consideration of their objections, HyD consulted the T&TC on the revised design in January 2018 and obtained their support. In the first half of 2018, HyD and other relevant government departments received strong diverse views from the schools, parents and residents in the area. After collating and analysing the relevant views, HyD further revised the design scheme and consulted the stakeholders. HyD plans to consult the T&TC of WTSDC on the latest design in July 2019.
12	Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System at Luen On Street, Kwun Tong	HyD consulted and obtained support from the Traffic and Transport Committee of the Kwun Tong District Council (KTDC) on the preliminary design scheme in February 2018. As the proposal needs to span across private lots and is in close proximity to existing buildings, HyD consulted the relevant residents and stakeholders

		in the fourth quarter of 2018 as suggested by the KTDC. Most of the comments requested realignment of the project and suggested an alternative alignment within Kung Lok Road Playground and Kwun Tong Garden Estate. HyD and TD are now liaising with relevant stakeholders to study the feasibility of the alternative alignment.
13	Yuet Wah Street Pedestrian Linkage (Completed)	To complement the Kwun Tong Town Centre Redevelopment, the Civil Engineering and Development Department commenced construction works for this project in April 2013. The Linkage has been opened for public use since October 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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