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Dear Ms LAU,

Panel on Transport

Meeting on 26 April 2019 Follow-up issues relating to "Road Safety Audit and Road Safety Check"

At the Panel's request, we would like to provide the following written response to the questions relating to "Road Safety Audit and Road Safety Check" as raised by Members at the captioned meeting.

Stepping up publicity and education efforts on road safety for different road users

The Transport Department ("TD") and the Hong Kong Police Force ("HKPF"), in collaboration with the Road Safety Council ("RSC"), have all along been disseminating road safety messages to different groups of road users (including drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists) through various channels and modes (e.g. social media platforms and carnival activities). Regarding new publicity and education efforts in 2019, TD launched an announcement of public interest ("API") on "Consider yourself and others when taking public transport" in the first quarter of 2019 while RSC launched an API on the theme of "One good turn deserves another" in the second quarter of 2019. Apart from reminding passengers, drivers and pedestrians to be responsible road users, the above APIs also serve to enhance public awareness of road safety. In addition, RSC will step up publicity efforts through social media platforms to extend reach in 2019.

Enabling drivers who have obtained their driving licences by way of direct issue to familiarise themselves with the traffic rules and regulations in Hong Kong

When issuing new driving licences and directly issuing driving licences without test, TD will distribute the Road Users' Code ("the Code") to the applicants for driving licences. The Code contains in details the rules, advice and information that should be known to road users in Hong Kong. Besides, TD and HKPF, in collaboration with RSC, have been conducting various publicity and educational campaigns to promote road safety messages to drivers.

We take note of Members' views and will re-visit our publicity and education efforts on road safety from time to time.

Yours sincerely,

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