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### **Panel on Transport Meeting on 17 May 2019**

#### **Background brief on enhancement of public pier facilities**

#### **Purpose**

This paper provides background information on the enhancement of public pier facilities. It also summarizes major views and concerns expressed by Members of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") during previous discussions relevant to this subject.

#### **Background**

##### Public piers

2. According to the information provided by the Administration in July 2018,<sup>1</sup> there are currently 117 public piers in Hong Kong, which are built, maintained and managed by the Government.<sup>2</sup> Public piers do not only serve remote villages relying on boats as their main transport and support fishermen's operation, but also facilitate rescue missions when necessary. Whilst the Government has carried out regular inspections and maintenance for public piers to ensure their structural integrity, some public piers at remote areas are in service for many years suffering from aging problem,<sup>3</sup> or cannot cope with the current needs / usages, such as:

- (a) unsatisfactory boarding condition of small or primitive piers

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<sup>1</sup> LC Paper No. CB(1)1242/17-18(02)

<sup>2</sup> In addition to the piers built, maintained and managed by the Government, there are also several piers built by local villagers for public use that are currently not maintained and managed by the Government.

<sup>3</sup> Some of the piers in remote areas were constructed some 50 years ago. While there may not be apparent or imminent danger to public using these old piers, various measures such as the erection of temporary props for supporting the structure and the increased frequencies of inspection and maintenance of the pier were required to address their aging problems.

leading to potential safety concerns to passengers especially for kids and elderly;

- (b) inadequate water depth for larger vessels to berth especially during low tide;
- (c) limited berthing space or narrow accesses which cannot cope with the high utilisation rate during festive times or weekends; and
- (d) aged pier structures pending reconstruction.

### Pier Improvement Programme

3. There have been repeated requests from the locals and the public for improvement to the existing public piers, including reconstruction of the existing piers, in view of the above unsatisfactory situations. Noting that the conventional mechanism of taking forward improvement works of public piers under the Public Works Programme is primarily based on utilisation rate which is less favourable to piers serving remote areas, the Development Bureau ("DEVB") launched a Pier Improvement Programme ("PIP") in 2017 aiming at enhancing the structures and facilities of a number of existing public piers or, where necessary, reconstructing the existing piers, so as to enhance public safety, improve the accessibility to some remote scenic spots and natural heritage and respond to requests for meeting the basic needs of local villagers that rely on boats as their main transport mode and supporting fishermen's operation.

4. DEVB has set up a Committee on Piers<sup>4</sup> to examine the requests received by different departments concerning improvement suggestions for public piers in the New Territories and outlying islands and set priority for pier improvement items under the PIP taking into account a host of factors.<sup>5</sup> The Committee has recommended implementing a list of 10 proposed pier

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<sup>4</sup> Spearheaded by DEVB in coordination with relevant bureaux and departments, the Committee had been set up, comprising members from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the Environment Bureau/Environmental Protection Department, the Home Affairs Department, the Civil Engineering and Development Department, the Tourism Commission, and the Transport Department. Representatives from the Transport and Housing Bureau, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and the Marine Department will also be invited to advise the Committee on an ad hoc basis when needed.

<sup>5</sup> The host of factors includes structural and public safety concerns, accessibility of nearby natural and heritage scenic attractions, utilisation and availability of alternative transport, requests from locals and districts, and technical feasibility.

improvement items under the first implementation phase of PIP, one of them being Pak Kok Pier on Lamma Island. The proposed pier improvement items and their locations are indicated at **Appendices I** and **II** respectively.

5. The Administration advised that relevant District Councils have been consulted in May and June 2017. Members were generally supportive to the fast-track implementation of PIP and the proposed pier improvement items under the first implementation phase in their districts.

6. Site investigation works and technical studies of the proposed pier improvement items are being carried out. Subject to availability of funds, DEVB plans to commence detailed design and construction of some pier items in 2019.

### **Major views and concerns of Members**

7. The major views and concerns of LegCo Members on the enhancement of public pier facilities are summarized in the ensuing paragraphs.

8. When the Panel on Development discussed the policy initiative of PIP in July 2018, members in general expressed support for the implementation of PIP. During the deliberations, they were concerned about the provision of ancillary facilities at public piers under PIP and the maintenance of the piers after completion of the upgrading works.

9. The Administration advised that the Civil Engineering and Development Department ("CEDD") was actively undertaking the consultancy studies for the pier improvement items under the first phase of PIP, which included assessing the need and feasibility of provisioning ancillary facilities at public piers, such as installing electronic display panels, drinking fountains, GovWiFi services and barrier-free facilities, etc, and exploring the need and feasibility of carrying out other enhancement works in the vicinity of the public piers, such as installing additional streetlights, repairing existing footpaths connected to the piers, and providing public toilets and ticketing booths. The Administration further advised that as the pier items included under PIP were all existing public piers, the Administration would undertake the maintenance works.

10. Members of the Panel on Transport ("the Panel") were also concerned about the implementation details of PIP, and urged the Administration to improve the facilities at both ferry piers and public piers, including Cheung

Chau Ferry Pier, Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier, Sam Ka Tsuen Ferry Pier and Pak Kok Pier on Lamma Island.

11. The Administration responded that pier maintenance was the Administration's responsibility and relevant departments, including Architectural Services Department, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and CEDD, would review the existing pier facilities for making improvement as appropriate. The Administration added that the Marine Department had earlier confirmed that there was no safety problem at Pak Kok Pier.

### **Latest development**

12. The Administration proposed to implement full-scale reconstruction of the Pak Kok Pier on Lamma Island to enhance the safety of pier users while boarding and alighting vessels. It plans to seek members' support for the funding application for upgrading the reconstruction of Pak Kok Pier on Lamma Island to Category A at the meeting of the Panel to be held on 17 May 2019.

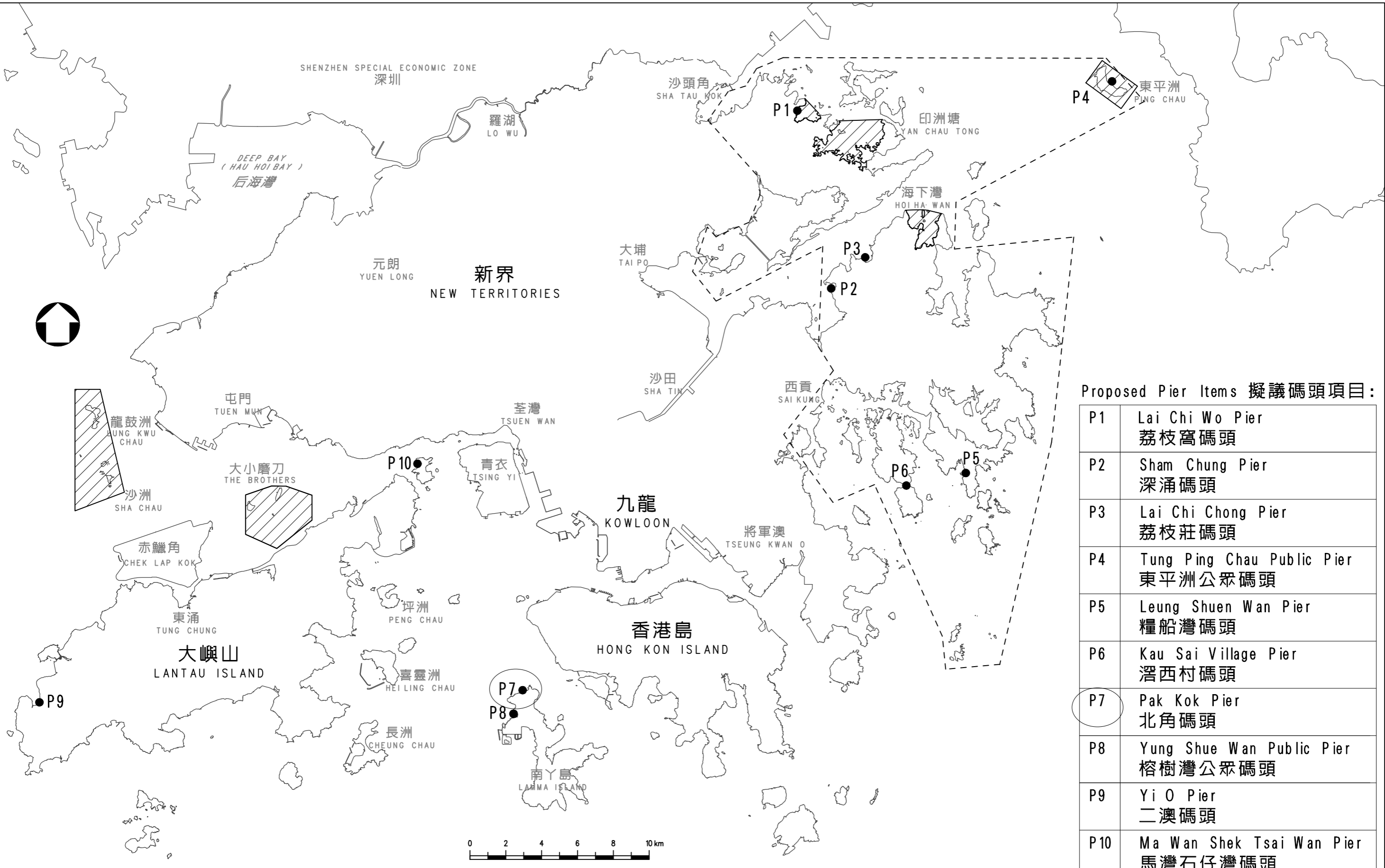
### **Relevant papers**

13. A list of relevant papers is in the **Appendix III**.

**Proposed Pier Improvement Items under First Implementation Phase of Pier Improvement Programme**

<b>Proposed Pier Improvement Items</b>	<b>Districts</b>
Lai Chi Wo Pier	North
Sham Chung Pier	Tai Po
Lai Chi Chong Pier	Tai Po
Tung Ping Chau Public Pier	Tai Po
Leung Shuen Wan Pier	Sai Kung
Kau Sai Village Pier	Sai Kung
Pak Kok Pier	Islands
Yung Shue Wan Public Pier	Islands
Yi O Pier	Islands
Ma Wan Shek Tsai Wan Pier	Tsuen Wan

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Proposed Pier Items 擬議碼頭項目:

P1	Lai Chi Wo Pier 荔枝窩碼頭
P2	Sham Chung Pier 深涌碼頭
P3	Lai Chi Chong Pier 荔枝莊碼頭
P4	Tung Ping Chau Public Pier 東平洲公眾碼頭
P5	Leung Shuen Wan Pier 糧船灣碼頭
P6	Kau Sai Village Pier 濳西村碼頭
P7	Pak Kok Pier 北角碼頭
P8	Yung Shue Wan Public Pier 榕樹灣公眾碼頭
P9	Yi O Pier 二澳碼頭
P10	Ma Wan Shek Tsai Wan Pier 馬灣石仔灣碼頭

圖例：  
LEGEND:

- Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark 香港聯合國教科文組織世界地質公園
- Marine Park 海岸公園

名稱 drawing title  
**PIER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**  
**LOCATION PLAN OF PROPOSED PIER ITEMS UNDER**  
**FIRST PHASE OF PIER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**  
 改善碼頭計劃  
 首階段擬議改善碼頭項目的位置圖

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## List of relevant papers

Date of meeting	Meeting	Minutes/Paper	LC Paper No.
2.12.2016	Panel on Transport	Administration's paper on Special Helping Measures for six major outlying island ferry routes for the next three-year licence period 2017-20	CB(4)108/16-17(05)  <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/papers/tp20161118cb4-108-5-e.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/papers/tp20161118cb4-108-5-e.pdf</a>
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)876/16-17  <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/minutes/tp20161202.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/minutes/tp20161202.pdf</a>
20.1.2017	Panel on Transport	Administration's paper on transport-related policy initiatives of the Transport and Housing Bureau under the 2017 Policy Address and Policy Agenda	CB(4)413/16-17(03)  <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/papers/tp20170120cb4-413-3-e.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/papers/tp20170120cb4-413-3-e.pdf</a>
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)1465/16-17  <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/minutes/tp20170120.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/minutes/tp20170120.pdf</a>
		Administration's supplementary information on the names and locations of the 10 public piers under the Pier Improvement Programme and details of the improvement works to be carried out (follow-up paper)	CB(4)1392/17-18(01)  <a href="http://library.legco.gov.hk:1080/articles/1208182.310193/1.PDF">http://library.legco.gov.hk:1080/articles/1208182.310193/1.PDF</a>

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24.1.2017	Panel on Development	Administration's paper on initiatives of Development Bureau in the 2017 Policy Address and Policy Agenda	CB(1)439/16-17(03) <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/dev/papers/dev20170124cb1-439-3-e.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/dev/papers/dev20170124cb1-439-3-e.pdf</a>
		Minutes of meeting	CB(1)700/16-17 <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/dev/minutes/dev20170124.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/dev/minutes/dev20170124.pdf</a>
5.4.2017	Finance Committee (Special meeting)	Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2017-2018 (Session no.: 13) (Question Serial No. 0747)	<a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/fc/fc/w_q/thb-t-e.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/fc/fc/w_q/thb-t-e.pdf</a>
16.6.2017	Panel on Transport	Administration's paper on Public Transport Strategy Study	CB(4)1176/16-17(03) <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/papers/tp20170616cb4-1176-3-e.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/papers/tp20170616cb4-1176-3-e.pdf</a>
		Minutes of meeting	CB(4)177/17-18 <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/minutes/tp20170616.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr16-17/english/panels/tp/minutes/tp20170616.pdf</a>
16.3.2018	Panel on Transport	Administration's paper on duration of ferry service licences	CB(4)719/17-18(04) <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/tp/papers/tp20180316cb4-719-4-e.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/tp/papers/tp20180316cb4-719-4-e.pdf</a>



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18.7.2018	Panel on Development	Administration's paper on Pier Improvement Programme	CB(1)1242/17-18(02)  <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/dev/papers/dev20180718cb1-1242-2-e.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/dev/papers/dev20180718cb1-1242-2-e.pdf</a>
		Minutes of meeting	CB(1)1431/17-18  <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/dev/minutes/dev20180718.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/dev/minutes/dev20180718.pdf</a>
		Administration's paper on Pier Improvement Programme (Follow-up paper)	CB(1)76/18-19(01)  <a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/dev/papers/dev20180718cb1-76-1-e.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr17-18/english/panels/dev/papers/dev20180718cb1-76-1-e.pdf</a>
10.4.2019	Finance Committee (Special meeting)	Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee members in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2019-2020 (Session no.: 11) (Question Serial No. 0283)	<a href="https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/fc/fc/w_q/cedb-cit-e.pdf">https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/fc/fc/w_q/cedb-cit-e.pdf</a>