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The Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP Chairman of the Finance Committee Legislative Council Secretariat Legislative Council Complex 1 Legislative Council Road Central, Hong Kong

Dear Chairman,

Withdrawal of agenda item FCR(2020-21)92 and request to waive the notice period for issuing the notice of agenda item and paper for the Finance Committee meeting on 26 February 2021

I write to withdraw agenda item FCR(2020-21)92 from the agenda of the Finance Committee (FC) meeting on 26 February 2021, and seek your agreement to our request for waiving the notice period for issuing the notice of agenda item and the late submission of the agenda item FCR(2020-21)96 as replacement.

Given the questions raised and information requested by Members with regard to 56EF - Centralised General Research Laboratory Complex (No. 2) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) in FCR(2020-21)92, the Government and CUHK would need more time to collate the relevant information and respond to Members' concerns. We would therefore like to withdraw the aforementioned project from FCR(2020-21)92 and aim to resubmit it to the FC as soon as practicable within the current legislative session. The remaining two projects under The University of Hong Kong (i.e. 56EG and 64EG) in FCR(2020-21)92 are not affected and will be submitted to the FC for approval vide the replacement agenda item FCR(2020-21)96.

As FCR(2020-21)92 was already under deliberation at the last FC meeting on 19 February 2021, we propose putting the replacement agenda item FCR(2020-21)96 as the first agenda item of the FC meeting on 26 February 2021.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Natalie LI)

for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury