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Mr Boris LAM
Clerk to Panel on Commerce and Industry
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr LAM,

**Panel on Commerce and Industry
Meeting on 16 March 2021**

Latest Development of the Hong Kong Science Park and Industrial Estates

At the meeting on 16 March 2021, the Panel requested the Government to provide supplementary information in respect of the latest progress of the development of the 56-hectare site near Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point reserved for development of industrial estates ("IEs"); and the economic benefits brought by the Hong Kong Science Park and IEs, and their innovation and technology achievements. The relevant supplementary information is enclosed herewith for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sandy CHEUNG', written over a horizontal line.

(Sandy CHEUNG)

for Secretary for Innovation and Technology

c.c. Commissioner for Innovation and Technology (Attn.: Miss Winnie CHAN)

**Legislative Council Panel on Commerce and Industry
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Supplementary Information

- (a) the latest progress of the development of the 56-hectare site near Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point reserved for development of industrial estates; and**

The proposed site falls within the study area of the proposed New Territories North New Town. Subject to funding approval of the Finance Committee, the Development Bureau plans to commence the Planning and Engineering Study on the proposed New Territories North New Town and Man Kam To Logistics Corridor later this year. The study will examine, amongst others, the interface issues on land use compatibility, synergy effect, etc., between the proposed site and the other developments in the proposed New Territories North New Town. It is anticipated that the study will take 36 months to complete.

The relevant site has been reserved for uses related to innovation and technology (“I&T”) and the initial thinking is to develop the proposed site in the form of an Industrial Estate (“IE”). The Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (“HKSTPC”) has conducted preliminary studies on the proposed site with results showing that the proposed development is technically feasible. HKSTPC plans to commence an engineering and technical feasibility study shortly, which is expected to be completed by end-2024.

Furthermore, the Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office has also appointed a Strategic Planning Advisor for Hong Kong/Shenzhen Co-operation to be responsible for the strategic spatial planning for the comprehensive expansion of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen integrated development, as well as research and proposed formulation of related policies. The Government will consult the corresponding panels of the Legislative Council in a timely manner on the future planning and positioning of the relevant site.

(b) the economic benefits brought by Hong Kong Science Park and IEs, and their innovation and technology achievements.

As Hong Kong's flagship infrastructure for I&T development, HKSTPC is committed to providing a wide range of support measures to the I&T sector, including nurturing start-ups, helping start-ups and entrepreneurs build connections with the industry, fostering technology transfer and commercialisation of research and development (“R&D”) results, encouraging more angel investors and venture capitals to invest more in local I&T ecosystem, providing premises and services in the Hong Kong Science Park (“HKSP”) and the InnoCentre for R&D activities, as well as offering land and premises in the three IEs.

According to the Economic Impact Analysis completed in 2015 by a consultant commissioned by HKSTPC, the economic contribution of HKSP as a whole to Hong Kong could reach \$19 billion. As at end March 2021, there are around 910 enterprises operating in HKSP, with a total working population exceeding 13 000, of which around 9 000 are involved in R&D activities. During the past decade, the average annual growth rate of technology enterprises in HKSP is over 10%, and the number of enterprises originating from overseas and the Mainland China has more than doubled. Currently, 20% of the enterprises in HKSP are non-local enterprises, bringing in a diversified mix of talent to join the local vibrant I&T ecosystem. In nurturing start-ups, HKSTPC has been providing comprehensive support through incubation programmes, and 780 technology enterprises have graduated to date. In addition, HKSTPC has also built a network of over 1 000 investors, connecting them with potential start-ups through a variety of investment matching platforms and opportunities. From 2018-19 to 2020-21, the enterprises in HKSP raised a total amount of around HK\$33.2 billion of capital for business development. Currently, there are 11 unicorns in Hong Kong, three of which have benefitted from HKSTPC’s support.

As at end March 2021, there are about 160 companies operating in the three IEs, with a total working population of over 28 000. The three IEs also keep abreast with the times and develop with latest technologies. To promote re-industrialisation in Hong Kong, major infrastructure works have been completed or in the pipeline. HKSTPC is developing a Microelectronics Centre in the Yuen Long IE, which is expected to be completed in 2023, with a view to attracting enterprises that manufacture microelectronics products and enterprises of associated industries as well as promoting R&D and technological application among high value-added industries. Meanwhile, the Data Technology Hub located

in the Tseung Kwan O IE was completed in 2020 and the leasing situation meets expectations. The Advanced Manufacturing Centre is expected to be completed in 2022. HKSTPC is also converting an old factory in the Tai Po IE for the production of medical or anti-epidemic products to strengthen the local capacity in supplying personal protective equipment in the future. The first batch of manufacturers will be able to move in gradually from mid-2021 onwards.

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