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

Dear Mr LAM,

At the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry on 20 April 2021, the Government agreed to explore whether it was possible to extract information on patent applications filed by Hong Kong-based applicants outside Hong Kong from the statistics on non-resident patent applications published by other intellectual property ("IP") offices, such as by the five largest IP offices in the world. The relevant information is enclosed herewith for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joanna CHEUNG', written over a faint circular stamp.

(Ms Joanna CHEUNG)
for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

c.c. Director of Intellectual Property
(Attn: Ms Joyce POON)

Patent Applications Filed by Hong Kong Applicants in 2019

IP Offices	Number of Applications Filed by Hong Kong Applicants
China National Intellectual Property Administration	1,200
European Patent Office	125
Japan Patent Office	47
Korean Intellectual Property Office	3
US Patent and Trademark Office	1,311
Intellectual Property Department, Hong Kong	346
Other IP offices outside Hong Kong	327

Sources:

World Intellectual Property Organization Statistics Database; last updated January 2021¹
China National Intellectual Property Administration Annual Statistics Report (2019)

¹ In the World Intellectual Property Organization Statistics Database, it is observed that some IP offices have not separately reported the number of patent applications filed by Hong Kong-based applicants, and filings reported by some regional IP offices/authorities do not reflect the actual numbers of member states designated. As such, the total number of applications filed by Hong Kong-based applicants in those IP offices may not be fully reflected in the concerned Database.