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Ms Shirley Chan
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Dear Ms Chan,

Panel on Economic Development

Follow-up to the meeting on 22 March 2021 Item IV - Hong Kong Tourism Board Work Plan for 2021-2022

As requested by Members at the captioned meeting, with consultation of the Transport and Housing Bureau, Food and Health Bureau and relevant departments, we would like to provide the following supplementary information for their reference.

Recreational Fisheries

Regarding the development of recreational fisheries, the Marine Fish Culture Ordinance (Cap. 353) aims to regulate and protect marine fish culture for the purpose of providing local cultured marine fish. On the condition that the marine fish culture activities within fish culture zones would not be adversely affected and the participating public's safety is safeguarded, licence holders can apply for conducting recreational fishing activities on their licensed rafts and the recreational fishing activities are regulated by a set of conditions. At present, there are 12 fish culture zones with rafts which are allowed to conduct

recreational fishing. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has also been facilitating the trade in exploring new opportunities for developing recreational fishing by funding relevant projects under the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF). Two fishery-related eco-tour projects have been completed successfully with the funding support of SFDF, involving a total of some 110 fishermen and 5 400 members of the public. Another project aiming to promote the development of local pearl culture and related eco-tourism is in progress. In addition, AFCD will launch a training scheme later this year which is tailored made for fishermen who are interested in operating recreational fishing business to build up their knowledge and capacity.

Provision of landing facilities

As public landing facilities are not intended for mooring of vessels (including pleasure vessels and fishing vessels), the Marine Department will ensure that vessels are not berthed alongside the landing facility for extended periods, except for embarkation or disembarkation of passengers. These marine safety and traffic control are also applicable to newly established public landing facilities.

In response to the request from the trade, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) has commenced construction of a landing facility near the breakwater of Tuen Mun Area 27 in Castle Peak Bay to facilitate embarkation of passengers. The construction works is expected to be completed in early 2022.

As far as existing facilities are concerned, CEDD commenced the Pier Improvement Programme in 2017 with a view to improving facilities of public piers on a territory-wide basis, including public piers used by villagers who mainly transport by vessels or public piers used for fishermen's operation. The Development Bureau recently mentioned at the Legislative Council meeting held on 25 March 2021 that the improvement works of 23 public piers are being conducted in phases, including the Sai Wan Jetty in Cheung Chau.

Tourism Promotion

The Tourism Commission (TC), in collaboration with the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB), AFCD and the travel industry, has been promoting Hong Kong's nature based green tourism products and countryside landscapes through different publicity channels, covering the Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark, country parks, biologically diverse marine ecosystem of marine parks, hiking trails and itineraries featuring the outlying islands, etc. Should recreational fisheries be well developed in Hong Kong as a tourism product in the future, TC,

in collaboration with HKTB, will explore promotion to visitors as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maggie Chow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Miss Maggie Chow)
for Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development