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Hon Steven Ho Chun-yin  
The Chairman of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene  
Legislative Council Secretariat  
Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
Central, Hong Kong  
(Attn.: Miss Josephine SO)

Dear Chairman

### **Face-lifting and maintenance of Fo Tan Village Public Toilet**

At the meeting of the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (the meeting) on 14 September 2021, the Hon Elizabeth Quat (Hon Quat) mentioned matters about the face-lifting and maintenance of a public toilet in Fo Tan. This Department responded at the meeting that we would follow up. Our reply is provided below.

After the meeting, this Department contacted Hon Quat and obtained confirmation that the public toilet in question should be Fo Tan Village Public Toilet (instead of Shan Mei Street Public Toilet as mentioned at the meeting - according to our record, Shan Mei Street Public Toilet was not temporarily closed for face-lifting or maintenance during the past 12 months).

Regarding the face-lifting and maintenance of Fo Tan Village Public Toilet, according to our record, during the past 18 months, save for 5 months or so (28 December 2020 to 4 June 2021) for the face-lifting, there was no record of the toilet having been temporarily closed. Recent maintenance record of the toilet is at Annex. As mentioned therein, what happened in the male toilet from 28 July to 30 July 2021 only concerned one of its toilet compartments that was temporarily suspended for use to make way for pipe repairs.

For enquiries, please contact District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sha Tin), Mr CHAN Ka-kui, at 2634 0123.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shuk-han", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

(Miss Wong Shuk-han)  
for Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

c.c. All members in The Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

**Recent maintenance record of Fo Tan Village Public Toilet**

1. On 30 April 2020, this Department requested the Maintenance Department to follow up replacement works for flushing water pipe and cistern. The repair works were completed on 2 May 2020<sup>1</sup>. The public toilet remained open for public use as usual during the works period.
2. Face-lifting of Fo Tan Village Public Toilet took place between 28 December 2020 and 4 June 2021. Upon completion of works, the toilet was reopened on 5 June 2021.
3. On 28 July 2021, this Department requested the Maintenance Department to follow up the pipe repairs for compartment no. 1 of the male toilet of Fo Tan Village Public Toilet. The Maintenance Department completed the works on 30 July 2021. During the works period, that compartment was temporarily suspended for use while other parts of the public toilet remained open for public use as usual. Upon completion of the repair works on 30 July 2021, that toilet compartment resumed its service on the same day.

The two maintenance requests were initiated by this Department to the Maintenance Department, following our detection of such needs during our routine inspections.

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<sup>1</sup> 30 April 2020 and 1 May 2020 were public holidays, while 2 May 2020 was a Saturday.