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Mr Daniel SIN
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Dear Mr Sin,

# Legislative Council Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting Supplementary information requested at the meeting held on 11 October 2021

At the panel meeting on 11 October 2021, members requested the Government to provide supplementary information on the land reserved at Pokfulam for the University of Hong Kong (HKU) to construct facilities for deep technology research. In consultation with the Development Bureau and HKU, our reply is set out in the ensuing paragraphs –

The Chief Executive announced in her 2021 Policy Address that a four-hectare site currently zoned "Green Belt" at Pokfulam would be reserved for the HKU to construct facilities for deep technology research. The concept of deep technology focuses on interdisciplinary research for innovative solutions to everyday life, such as artificial intelligence and quantum computing. With HKU's edge in basic research, deep technology research will foster the development of innovative technologies and help sustain the prosperity of Hong Kong and its neighbouring cities. The said research facility is intended to be situated at a site in the vicinity of the Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired but the exact boundary is subject to study.

Yours sincerely,

(Fung Long-yin)
for Secretary for Innovation and Technology

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