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**Information note on the blueprint for the
sustainable development of agriculture and fisheries**

The Chief Executive (“CE”) announced in his 2022 Policy Address that the Environment and Ecology Bureau would work hand in hand with the agriculture and fisheries industry to formulate a blueprint for the sustainable development of the industry (“the Blueprint”). An array of measures covering finance, infrastructure, land and technical support would be rolled out by the Environment and Ecology Bureau in phases to raise the quality and value of local produces, as well as the productivity of the industry. According to the Administration’s reply to a question raised by Hon Steven HO at the Council meeting of 5 July 2023, some of the measures put forth in the Blueprint could also help the agriculture and fisheries industry to better deal with extreme weather.

2. In formulating the Blueprint, the Administration has conducted consultations and thematic seminars, etc. with various agriculture and fisheries organizations to gauge stakeholders’ views on the sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industry.

3. According to the Administration, the Blueprint aims to create new opportunities, enhance competitiveness and promote modernization and sustainable development of the trade, as well as provide safe and quality agriculture and fisheries products to the public. Priority measures include:

(a) Fisheries

- (i) providing new deep-sea cages in four new fish culture zones in Wong Chuk Kok Hoi, Mirs Bay, outer Tap Mun and Po Toi (Southeast) for rental by the fisheries industry in stages;
- (ii) introducing modern pond fish culture techniques and management practices in the planned Sam Po Shue Wetland Conservation Park;

- (iii) carrying out a feasibility study in preparation for the designation of the first fisheries protection area, so as to protect important local fish nursery and spawning grounds, and at the same time provide ancillary facilities in the area to promote the development of leisure fishing;

(b) Agriculture

- (i) introducing a public-private partnership model for designated sites under the Agricultural Park Phase 2 in Kwu Tung South;
- (ii) setting aside a plot within the Ma On Shan Sai Sha Road Garden for launching a pilot project on modern urban farming;
- (iii) introducing the concept of “harvest-to-sale” and setting up modern hydroponic farms and stalls on suitable rooftops of public markets, with the first project to be set up in the Tin Shui Wai Public Market under construction;
- (iv) exploring the feasibility of allowing farms engaged in commercial agricultural production to offer leisure farming activities as ancillary businesses;
- (v) encouraging the industry to construct modernized and environmentally-friendly multi-storey livestock farms, and offering government sites in Sheung Shui area to livestock farms affected by government development projects with the provision of technical and financial assistance; and
- (vi) strengthening collaboration on agriculture and fisheries between Guangdong and Hong Kong.