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Dear Mr. WONG and Ir Prof. WONG,

**Policy Address Consultation –  
Hong Kong Competitiveness as a Regional and International Cargo Hub**

Thank you for your letter of 8 October 2009 to the Chief Executive on the above matter. The proposals in the letter have been referred to us for further study.

**More efficient customs clearance and the lowering of cross-boundary trucking cost**

We share the view that a more efficient customs clearance process will enhance the efficiency of the supply chain and hence benefit our logistics sector. The Government has been working closely with our Mainland counterparts through various platforms in further enhancing freight flow and logistics efficiency between the two sides. Good progress (such as the

relaxation of the "four-up-four-down" and "one-truck-one driver" rules, as well as the temporary reduction of the licensing fee for cross-boundary transport operation by the Guangdong authority) has been achieved over the last few years. Another example is the Road Cargo System ("ROCARS") scheduled for implementation in 2010. ROCARS allows electronic submission of road cargo information in advance. The Customs and Excise Department would then perform risk profiling on consignments prior to their arrival at the land boundary points and therefore facilitate a seamless customs clearance for those cargoes not selected for inspection. We will continue to liaise with the relevant Mainland authorities to further facilitate or simplify the customs clearance process on both sides, as well as lower the operating cost in connection with cross-boundary freight transport.

### **Airport contingency plan for major disruption of the North Lantau Highway**

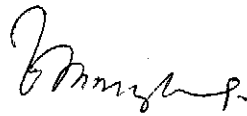
The Government has been working closely with the Airport Authority on the preparation of the airport contingency plan, which we aim to complete as soon as possible. In this regard, relevant stakeholders groups including the Hongkong Association of Freight Forwarding & Logistics Ltd have been involved. We have reservation about the idea of using vehicular ferries as an alternative, having regard to its cost-effectiveness.

### **Provision of land for logistics and related uses**

To facilitate the migration of Hong Kong's logistics sector to high-value goods and services, the Chief Executive has announced in the 2009-10 Policy Address that the Government will release a number of permanent sites in the Kwai Tsing area for the formation of a logistics cluster. These sites have a total site area of some 29 hectares. Two of such sites are in Tsing Yi and scheduled for release in 2010. With its convenient access to both the port and the airport, the Kwai Tsing area is ideal for the development of a cluster offering high value-added logistics services. Terms conducive to the development of such services through, for example, the anchoring of third party logistics service providers will be included in the land leases as appropriate. We will also continue to explore the availability of other suitable sites including those in the vicinity of the airport. As for the Lantau Logistics Park, we will continue to keep in view its development, taking into account the needs of the logistics sector as well as the global and local economic situation, including the market response to the said Kwai Tsing sites and how Hong Kong takes advantage of, and positions itself in, the rapid growth of the Mainland economy.

We thank you for your interest in enhancing the competitiveness of the logistics sector in Hong Kong. We look forward to continuing to work with you in maintaining Hong Kong's role as the regional logistics hub.

Yours sincerely,



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