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Dear Mr. LAU,

**Invitation to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuen Mun District Council Meeting**  
**on 5 May 2020**

**“Request to relocate Tuen Mun Public Cargo Working Area and strengthening regulation to avoid disturbance to residents”**

Thank you for your letter dated 24 April 2020. I am authorised to reply to your invitation to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuen Mun District Council Meeting on 5 May 2020 and answer District Council Members’ enquires and concerns on subject matter as follows :

Public Cargo Working Areas (PCWAs) are established under the Port Control (Cargo Working Areas) Ordinance, Cap 81 of the Laws of Hong Kong, which are managed by the Marine Department. PCWA operators handle cargoes which include container cargoes, steel, construction materials, recycled materials and general cargo. Their operation is an important part of Hong Kong’s logistics and transportation industry. The six PCWAs in Hong Kong handled 5.6 million tonnes of cargoes in 2019. Most operators in PCWAs are small and medium-sized enterprises, providing about 2,500 jobs for low-skilled workers. The Tuen Mun PCWA is located in the Tuen Mun Typhoon Shelter and has been operating since 1996. It covers an area of 33,000 square meters and provides 15 berths with a total berth length of 616 meters. Being the only PCWA in the Western New Territories and given its proximity to the construction sites around the Lantau Island, the

utilisation of Tuen Mun PCWA has maintained at 100% in recent years.

The Government has been striving to balance the opinions of different sectors of the society in order to facilitate the operation of PCWAs to cope with the development of the industries and ports in the region. Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) adopts an open mind to the relocation of the Tuen Mun PCWA subject to identification of an alternative site suitable for the proposed use. However, Hong Kong currently lacks suitable land for such relocation and hence the Government currently has no plan to relocate the Tuen Mun PCWA.

The Marine Department (MD) has been working hard to minimise the impact of the cargo operation at the Tuen Mun PCWA to residents nearby. To minimise noise nuisance caused by cargo activities at the site, MD has adopted a number of management measures, including reminding operators to adjust the operation mode in handling cargoes, add lubricants to the equipment, arrange replacements for the worn out parts when necessary, avoid the use of loudhailers for communications and release cargo only when it is close to the ground, etc. If Members have questions about the management of PCWA, the MD representatives stand ready to answer them at the meeting. THB will not be represented at the captioned meeting.

Should you have any enquiry on this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 3509 8197.

Yours sincerely,



( Lapkeung Law )

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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