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Dear Paul,

**Stage 1 Community Engagement for Topside Development  
at Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities Island (“HKBCF”)  
of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (“HKZMB”)**

*A Bridge for Tomorrow*

The Chamber supports the HKBCF Island project to take advantage of the synergistic effect brought about by the existing transport infrastructure, tourism and leisure facilities, and cultural resources in the Lantau Island. We are glad that the Island will be strategically developed into a bridgehead economy and that it will serve as a key gateway for connecting Mainland China via Pearl River Delta (“PRD”) to the world.

2. Upon completion of the HKBCF Island, it will form a key strategic node for the flow of international, regional and local passengers and goods, and will help position Hong Kong as a preferred Asian destination for tourism, shopping and MICE activities, as well as a premier regional transport and logistics hub.

*Long-term Development*

3. In terms of land use, the HKBCF Island should give priority and length of tenure to the facilities that best fulfill its primary intended function, which is as a border crossing gateway. With the ongoing growth of population, road traffic and economic activities in the PRD, it is imperative that the HKBCF be built to meet the requirements for staging, queuing, processing, and quarantine of goods and to cater for peak traffic flows that occur during such busy periods as public holidays and post-typhoon to avoid turning it into a bottleneck. Options for future expansion should also be taken into account throughout the planning process.

4. While land on the HKBCF Island is available for other uses, the Government should consider facilities which bring not only economic value but also social benefits to the hinterland, such as those which can address the problems of insufficient office and MICE space in the urban areas, and provide relief to the hosting capacity of particular attractions and shopping areas.

#### Office and MICE Facilities

5. The HKBCF Island could offer office space and diversified MICE facilities to capture the needs resulting from a rapid restructuring of the PRD economy. With its strategic location connecting Mainland China and the world, it will attract Mainland companies to set up regional offices and stage MICE activities in Hong Kong. New accommodation, leisure and entertainment facilities should be provided to support the growth of new companies and MICE business, and synergize with the development of Tung Chung, North Lantau New Town and North Commercial District of the Hong Kong International Airport.

#### Shopping and Entertainment

6. A clear positioning of the new shopping, leisure and entertainment facilities in the HKBCF is required to avoid introducing direct competition with the existing shopping facilities in Tung Chung and the proposed retail and commercial area in North Commercial District of the Hong Kong International Airport. Apart from offering branded products and international cuisines, the HKBCF can be positioned as an ideal marketplace to promote local brands and delicacies.

#### Transport and Ancillary Facilities

7. A sophisticated, convenient and smooth transportation network should be developed to connect the HKBCF Island to Tung Chung, North Lantau New Town, North Commercial District of the Hong Kong International Airport and other tourist attractions in Hong Kong. It should be equipped with efficient immigration checking service and transport interchange facilities to enable tourists to engage in excursions and side tours on Lantau Island and nearby sites. The HKBCF should also be marketed as a one-stop shop, providing hassle-free ticketing, transportation, shopping and food and beverage services to tourists travelling onward to the PRD region and beyond.

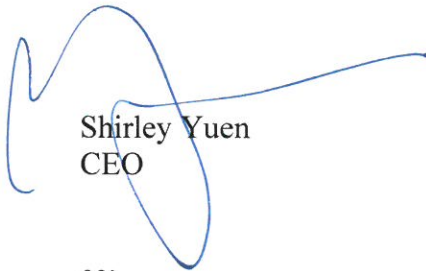
8. More large scale parking facilities will be required to accommodate the increasing needs of travelers coming to and from Mainland China. If private cars are allowed to use the HKZMB, these parking facilities will be in a position to meet the demand for vehicular parking by travelers (including tourists and local residents) arriving at the HKBCF Island and connecting to other means of transport when crossing the border.

Overall Design

9. In addition to its function as a boundary crossing, the HKBCF can be established as another landmark in Hong Kong with distinctive architectural design. A sea-view rooftop garden overlooking the airport that serves as a rest stop for relaxation and dining should be attractive to tourists.

10. We believe that with proper planning, the HKBCF Island will be optimized as a key site to provide much needed land supply for additional office space and for the development of MICE, retail, and logistics activities in Hong Kong. Furthermore, the HKBCF should serve the purpose of alleviating pressure on urban areas by promoting tourism on Lantau.

Yours sincerely,



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