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For discussion on 8 May 2017

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Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from December 2016 to April 2017.

MEETING HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>Fifteenth Meeting – 23 February 2017</u>

2. The Task Force discussed the following item –

(a) Proposed Re-tendering or Tendering of Short Term Tenancies for Port Back-up Uses in Kwai Tsing

- The Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) and the Lands Department (LandsD) briefed Members on the proposed re-tendering or tendering of short term tenancies (STT) for port back-up uses (PBU) in Kwai Tsing.
- The Task Force acknowledged the importance of maintaining Hong Kong's position as an international transhipment hub and having PBU sites to support port operation. Members suggested the proponent to consider building multi-storey cargoes and logistics buildings or car parking facilities to enhance PBU land uses, as well as the operational efficiency of each PBU site. Some Members pointed out that stringent regulation measures, in addition to enhancement measures such as greening and uplifting should be in place to improve the conditions of the sites concerned.
- With regard to the long-term development of the sites concerned, THB and LandsD were advised to review, synchronize and standardize the tenancy period of STT sites and provide a timetable on land availability for alternative development in Kwai Tsing. In response to Members'

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concerns, THB and LandsD would provide more detailed information in relation to the sites for Members' further consideration.

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