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By Post

Dear Mr. Wong

The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors ("HKIS") had commissioned a firm of planning consultants to conduct a review of the town planning application system in Hong Kong. The research had come up with various recommendations which we trust would help to speed up the processing of town planning applications including those which involve CDA zones. The HKIS has held a press conference on 27 February 2017 to announce the same.

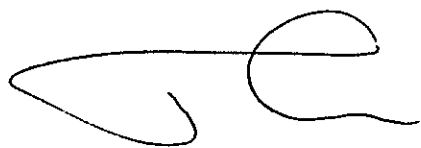
The research covered over 1,400 planning application cases from 2013 to 2015, with 20 case studies (including 10 cases involving CDA zone). The study found that a significant number of planning submissions (about 50%) were deferred. The most cited reason for deferment was to allow additional time to review, clarify and prepare responses to Government departments' comments. We hereby submit the full report of the research including the recommendations and the PowerPoint used in the press conference for your consideration.

The HKIS wishes that the Town Planning Board / Planning Department will consider these recommendations in detail and adopt the same so as to help expedite the overall land supply in Hong Kong.

We would be pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the recommendations in detail.

Please contact Ms. Karen Tam on 2526 3679 if you wish to have more information or further discussion with us.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl. 1. Full Report of "Research on Applications to the Town Planning Board in Hong Kong"
2. The PowerPoint used in the Press Conference

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