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Dear Mr. Poon,

**Design and Management Guidelines
for Public Open Space in Private Developments (POSPD)**

In February 2009, the Development Bureau commissioned a consultancy study to help draw up a set of design and management guidelines, with a view to improving Hong Kong's cityscape and addressing certain concern about the management of public open space in private development.

Useful consultations with stakeholders including your organization, professional bodies, trade organizations and concerned parties have been carried out by the consultants during the process. Taking account of the views and comments collected, the consultancy study has recently been completed. Section 4 of the consultancy report sets out the outcomes of the consultations and explains how common concerns revealed during the consultations are addressed in the consultants' recommendations.

The Development Bureau has accepted the consultants' recommendations and has promulgated the design and management guidelines for POSPD today. The promulgated guidelines will come into effect on 14 February 2011.

We now attach twenty sets of the guidelines for your retention. The consultants' report and the guidelines promulgated by the Development Bureau can be downloaded at our website (http://www.devb.gov.hk/en/issues_in_focus/provision_of_public_facilities/index.html).

The guidelines promulgated by the Development Bureau consist of two parts, namely the design guidelines and the management guidelines. The design guidelines provide a framework for better design based on the principles of connectivity, appropriateness and quality with due emphasis on public comfort and greenery.

The management guidelines cover various management and operational issues and standards, and aim to strike a reasonable balance between the owners' obligations and responsibility and the public use and enjoyment of the public open space.

On the uses of PSOPD, we concur with the consultant's view that a certain extent of non-commercial or charitable activities as well as limited commercial activities in suitable POSPD will bring vibrancy and vitality to the areas and benefit the general public. The guidelines therefore set out the relevant considerations and the approvals required.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your insightful comments which have greatly helped the Development Bureau and the consultants to draw up the design and management guidelines. The Development Bureau is committed to providing a quality living environment for the people of Hong Kong and we look forward to your continuous support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Raymond Wu', written in a cursive style.

(Raymond Wu)
for Secretary for Development