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To whom it may concern,

Public Consultation on Lantau Development

We refer to the public consultation and submit herewith our views in support to push ahead the development of Lantau.

HKCA fully supports the government's strategy to plan, develop and utilise the space and nature resources available in Lantau Island for the long term betterment of our society and successive generations. Hong Kong needs an overall strategy for long term growth and sustainable development plan in which development of Lantau Island is part of it. We believe that there should be a society-wide consensus on the balance of the development needs and environmental protection. As such, the Government should allow ample time for the stakeholders to study and discuss the pros and cons of the development strategy.

With the completion of the HKZHM bridge and the Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok link, developments within the Tung Chung New Town and progressively expanding along the North Lantau Corridor for short to medium economic and housing developments becomes a reasonable option.

HKCA supports the government to optimise the use of government land and developing caverns to house facilities to free valuable land occupied for other needs and uses. We support the Administration to commence the planning

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and feasibility studies on the development of the East Lantau Metropolis (ELM), in particular, the construction of the man-made island with associated traffic and transport connections to create new land for housing, recreational and employment opportunities for the next generation.

The future development of Lantau is crucial to the construction industry. The industry needs \$180 billion turnover each year to maintain its sustainability and 400,000 workforce. With 42% of the registered 380,000 workers attaining the age of 50 and over in 2016, the industry needs continuous investments in the next 5+ years in order to replenish the retiring 160,000 local workforce; failing which we will be losing our productivity which is one of the priorities of the present construction industry.

HKCA believes that our members have the expertise to provide innovative design, construction solutions and management skills in order to speedy deliver of varieties of potential projects within the development strategy. We are willing to provide our expertise in helping to shape and turn Lantau into a new livable and enjoyable area of the future.

Yours sincerely,



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