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Dear Madam,

Refurbishment of

The Central to Mid-levels Escalator and Walkway System ("The System")

I refer to my preceding letter dated 6 March 2020 and would like to update the latest progress of the refurbishment works.

The refurbishment works commenced on 1 March 2018 onwards, the seventh phase of the refurbishment works (involving escalator 9E) will be commenced on 8 June 2020 and will be completed by mid-October 2020 tentatively. During the works period, escalator no.9E will be removed and replaced by a new escalator. At the same time, escalator no.8E will also be suspended and used as a temporary staircase. Escalator no.8E and the Hollywood Road section of the elevated walkway between Shelley Street and Old Bailey Street of the System will be intermittently closed during the works. During suspension of the escalators, affected pedestrians are advised to use the walkways at grade, or via the footbridge connecting to Tai Kwun for the direction to Old Bailey Street and Mid-levels area (subject to the opening hours of Tai Kwun on the day). Appropriate traffic signs will be provided on site to guide pedestrians.

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The tentative schedule of the remaining phases of the refurbishment works is set out at the **Annex**.

The System is a famous tourist spot in Hong Kong, which attracts many visitors to explore the unique cityscape of Hong Kong every day. In light of the above, this Department would like to solicit your assistance to relay the message concerning the upcoming commencement of the refurbishment works to visitors, hotels and all inbound and invite them travel agencies, visit the project to website (http://www.anlev.com/mid-levels/) in order to grasp the affected areas of each phase of works so as to may make advance arrangements.

For any enquiry about the refurbishment works, you may call the 24-hour hotline (2166 7682) or contact Ms. Kamen LAM of this Department at 3842 5935.

Yours faithfully,

(Eric TAM)

for Commissioner for Transport

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Annex

Refurbishment of

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Phase	Escalator/Travelator	Tentative	Tentative
		Commencement	Completion
		Date	Date
7	9E (near Hollywood Road)	8 June	Mid-October
		2020	2020
8	10E & 11E (north of Staunton Street)	Mid-October	Mid-February
		2020	2021
9	12E & 13E (between Staunton Street and	Mid-February	Early-July
	Elgin Street)	2021	2021
10	18E (between Chico Terrace and Mosque Street)	Early-July	Mid-November
		2021	2021
11	16E & 17E (between Caine Road and	Mid-November	Early-April
j	Chico Terrace)	2021	2022

Remark: The above is set out for initial project planning. Actual implementation date of each phase of works will be subject to the site condition, weather and loading/unloading arrangements etc.