## 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification on 4 October 2012

## <u>Summary of Discussion on North East Territories New Development Areas</u> (NENT NDAs) Planning and Engineering Study

The Council noted that the NENT NDAs comprised Kwu Tung North (KTN), Fanling North and Ping Che/Ta Kwu Ling (PC/TKL) NDAs. The Government had completed the Stage 3 Public Engagement of the NENT NDAs Planning and Engineering Study in end September 2012. Taking into account the public views received, the Study Consultant would further refine the development proposals for formulating the Layout Plans for the three NDAs.

The Council noted that about 14 hectares of land ("Commercial, Research and Development sites") along Fanling Highway in the KTN NDA and about 36 hectares of land (Special Industries Area) in the PC/TKL NDA would provide development spaces to support the Six Industries, including the testing and certification industry. In addition, about 10 hectares of land for research and development uses were reserved in the northwestern part of the KTN NDA to support the development of Lok Ma Chau Loop. NENT NDAs would be developed in phases. Based on the current project schedule, works for the Special Industries Area in the PC/TKL NDAs were expected to be completed by September 2027. The entire project was expected to be completed by 2031.

<u>The Council</u> indicated that the testing and certification industry was interested in the land to be made available in NENT NDAs. They suggested that there should be convenient transportation network to connect the NDAs to other parts of Hong Kong to facilitate recruitment of staff.

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