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Dear Ms. HO,

Re: Draft San Tin Technopole Outline Zoning Plan No. S/STT/1, Draft Mai Po and Fairview Park Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-MP/7 and Draft Ngau Tam Mei Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-NTM/13

The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) would like to express our sincere gratitude for the letter sent to us by Ms. Leticia LEUNG dated 30 August 2024 to inform us on the deliberation by the Board on the subject matters.

Our Institute noticed in the minutes for the meeting on 4 July 2024 for the consideration of Representations in respect of the Draft San Tin Technopole Outline Zoning Plan No. S/STT/1, the Draft Mai Po and Fairview Park Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-MP/7 and the Draft Ngau Tam Mei Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-NTM/13 (TPB Paper No. 10973) that you have remarked that “some suggestions on the urban design aspect from professional institutes such as HKIA, The Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design (HKIUD) and Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects (HKILA) could be further investigated. The Government would consider consulting the Professional Institutes as appropriate in formulating the PDB before putting the PDB (Planning Design Brief) to the Board for consideration.

In this connection, HKIA would like to reiterate that good architectural and urban design is essential for a liveable IT community and, therefore, in effect, a measure conducive to the retention of IT talents. In the minutes mentioned above, it has been remarked that our institute along with other relevant profession institutes shall be consulted during the process of formulation of PDB for San Tin Technopole. I hereby would like to express our institute's sincere interest to take part in the upcoming consultation process for the formulation of PDB.

It was also mentioned in para. 10.3.3. of you reply that “... detailed requirements of the Brief will be appropriately incorporated in concerned land leases or land grant documents requiring the project proponents of relevant sites to submit Master Plans according to the requirements of the Brief. Each Master Plan will be considered and approved by a designated committee to be set up under the



Development Bureau (DEVB).” If considered appropriate by DEVB, our Institute can nominate our members who have vast experience in urban design to becoming ex-officio members of said designated committee.

Yours Sincerely,

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