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Dear Joe Chan,

Code on Access to Information
Re : Application No. B185/2019

I refer to your email dated 13 September 2019 seeking information relating to unauthorised roof top structures (RTS) in Laguna City. Please find our reply as follows.

Since 1 April 2011, we had issued around 48 removal orders and 104 advisory letters to the owners concerned, requiring the removal of the concerned unauthorised building works (UBWs). Subsequent to the previously issued warning notices, advisory letters and removal orders, around 73 owners have removed the RTS concerned, and we will continue to take follow-up actions on the remaining RTS accordingly.

Given the large number of existing UBWs on rooftops and podiums as well as those in yards and lanes of buildings in Hong Kong, commonly known as "Top, Middle, Bottom" (TMB), TMB cases should be handled by taking into consideration BD's manpower. Prioritisation is therefore necessary to handle the TMB cases in an orderly manner. It has been decided that the TMB cases should primarily be handled by means of large scale operations (LSOs). Thus, Laguna City has been selected as target building for LSO on removal of all actionable UBWs.

As mentioned in our letter dated 26 March 2015, we do not compile statistics on the number of RTS on all blocks in Laguna City, and as the prosecution process is involved, it may not be appropriate to disclose further information related to our enforcement action.

If you believe that we have failed to comply with any provision of the Code, you may request for a review of the situation. Alternatively, you may complain to The Ombudsman, the address is: 30/F, China Merchants Tower, Shun Tak Centre, Nos. 168-200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong. (Telephone: 2629 0555, Fax: 2882 8149).

Yours sincerely,



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