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Town Planning Board
15/F, North Point Government Offices
333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Support for Tseung Kwan O Public Riding School Development

On behalf of Hong Kong PHAB Association, I am writing to express our strong support for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposed fourth public riding school at the Tseung Kwan O Stage II/III Landfill site, scheduled to open in 2030. We believe this project will bring significant benefits to the community and, in particular, to persons with and without disabilities in Hong Kong.

Since our establishment in 1972, Hong Kong PHAB Association has been committed to promoting the integration of persons with and without disabilities in all aspects of community life. Our mission is to enable persons of all abilities and ages to participate in social, recreational, developmental, educational, training, employment and community support services in a barrier-free environment, thereby contributing to the creation of a friendly and harmonious society. Against this backdrop, we see a natural alignment between our work and the vision of the proposed Tseung Kwan O Public Riding School.

Equestrian activities provide exceptional opportunities for both physical and mental development for persons with and without disabilities. The proposed riding school will offer accessible recreational and educational opportunities that promote social integration through shared sporting experiences. The inclusion of accessible facilities such as viewing galleries and pony interaction areas reflects thoughtful planning that welcomes community



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participation across all ability levels and encourages inclusive social interaction.

At present, demand for public riding facilities far exceeds supply, with many people facing very long waiting times for lessons at the existing public riding schools. The establishment of a fourth facility at Tseung Kwan O will help meet this significant unmet community need. Its location will be particularly beneficial to residents in the southeastern New Territories, making equestrian opportunities more geographically accessible to a broader cross-section of the community.

We also recognize the educational and developmental value of equestrian training. Riding and horse care cultivate important life skills such as responsibility, patience, confidence and empathy. These qualities are particularly important for young people, regardless of ability. The school's educational programmes will provide valuable developmental opportunities for youth in our community and will complement Hong Kong PHAB Association's own integrated children and youth services.

Hong Kong PHAB Association operates a wide range of community services across Hong Kong, including recreational programmes, youth development initiatives and community support services. We would welcome opportunities to collaborate with the Hong Kong Jockey Club on inclusive programmes and activities that ensure persons with disabilities can fully participate in and benefit from this new facility. Through partnership, we believe the impact of the Tseung Kwan O Public Riding School on social inclusion and community wellbeing can be further enhanced.

In closing, Hong Kong PHAB Association wholeheartedly supports the development of the Tseung Kwan O Public Riding School. We commend the Hong Kong Jockey Club for its continued commitment to expanding accessible sports and recreational opportunities for the Hong Kong community. We are confident that this project will make a meaningful contribution to promoting integration, understanding and equal



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participation—values that lie at the heart of our shared mission. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss potential collaboration opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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