<u>APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF PLAN</u> UNDER SECTION 12A OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE

APPLICATION NO. Y/H10/13 (for 1st Deferment)

Applicant: The University of Hong Kong represented by KTA Planning Limited

Plan Approved Pok Fu Lam Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/H10/19

Application Site : Government Land to the East of 3 Sassoon Road, Pok Fu Lam, Hong

Kong

Site Area : about 16,400m²

Land Status : Government Land

Zoning : "Green Belt" ("GB")

Proposed : To rezone the application site from "GB" to "Government, Institution

<u>Amendment</u> or Community" ("G/IC")

1. Background

On 22.7.2021, the Town Planning Board (the Board) received a planning application to seek planning permission to rezone the application site (**Plan Z-1**) from "GB" to "G/IC" on the approved Pok Fu Lam OZP No. S/H10/19 to facilitate a proposed academic building. The application is scheduled for consideration by the Metro Planning Committee (the Committee) of the Board at this meeting.

2. Request for Deferment

On 29.9.2021, the applicant's representative wrote to the Secretary of the Board and requested the Board to defer making a decision on the application for a period of two months in order to allow sufficient time for the applicant to address the departmental comments (**Appendix I**).

3. Planning Department's Views

3.1 The Planning Department has <u>no objection</u> to the request for deferment as the justifications for deferment meet the criteria for deferment as set out in the Town Planning Board Guidelines on Deferment of Decision on Representations, Comments, Further Representations and Applications made under the Town

Planning Ordinance (TPB PG-No. 33A)¹ in that the applicant needs more time to prepare further information (FI) to address departmental comments, the deferment period is not indefinite and the deferment would not affect the interests of other relevant parties.

3.2 Should the Committee agree to defer a decision on the application, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration within three months upon receipt of further submission from the applicant. If the FI submitted by the applicant is not substantial and can be processed within a shorter time, the application could be submitted to an earlier meeting for the Committee's consideration. The applicant should be advised that the Committee has allowed a period of two months for preparation of FI, and no further deferment would be granted unless under very special circumstances.

4. Decision Sought

The Committee is invited to consider whether or not to accede to the applicant's request for deferment. If the request is not acceded to, the application will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

5. Attachments

Appendix I Letter dated 29.9.2021 from the applicant's representative

Plan Z-1 Location Plan

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The number of deferments to be granted as stipulated under TPB PG-No. 33A is not applicable to this application which was received before the promulgation of the revised guidelines on 24.8.2021.