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Ms Angela LEE

Commissioner for Transport

Transport Department

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Response to New Measures for "Parking Certificate for Drivers Who Carry People with Mobility Disabilities"(Parking Certificate) on Medical Certificate

Dear Ms Lee,

On behalf of the Hong Kong Physiotherapists' Union, I would like to express our support for the recent decision to review the application eligibility and approval criteria for the "Parking Certificates", as we recognize the importance of ensuring that designated parking spaces are utilized by individuals with genuine needs, and we commend the Transport Department for taking proactive steps to review the measures. However, we are disappointed to see that the updated measures exclude registered physiotherapists from being authorized to certify an individual's disability.

We believe that this oversight may limit access to necessary assessments for individuals who require "Parking Certificates." As trained and skilled health care professionals, physiotherapists are among the best-equipped to assess physical disabilities that cause considerable difficulty in walking. Our expertise in evaluating mobility challenges and providing rehabilitation supports our unique position in the healthcare landscape. Physiotherapists are competent to assess for such purposes.

Therefore, we urge the Transport Department to reconsider this decision and to include registered physiotherapists as qualified health care professionals who can issue medical



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certificates for assessing physical disabilities like before.

Including physiotherapists in this process will not only enhance accessibility but also ensure that individuals receive comprehensive assessments from professionals who specialize in mobility and rehabilitation.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this matter. We look forward to your positive response and to continued collaboration in supporting individuals with disabilities in our community.

Yours sincerely,

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