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The Planning Department
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Dear Sirs

PRD Consultation Document

We were pleased to be invited to provide comments via the consultation document for the captioned Study. In principle the British Chamber of Commerce supports the initiative of collaboration and cooperation within the Pearl River Bay and Delta Area and supports the intents. Some areas which our members consider could be further elaborated upon include:

- The emissions control for the area through a joint approach is supported and could be further enhanced through the inclusion of emissions control on all marine users. Much progress has been made internationally on this aspect through the Fairwinds treaty and this is to be encouraged.
- Cooperation on the development and promotion of electric vehicles, in particular public transport and commercial vehicles, to address environmental and fuel cost concerns.
- The adoption of targets and goals and objective which focus on the quality of the environment for living and working in, is fundamentally important and more references could be made to cities which have expanded and regenerated themselves in a way which favours an enhanced quality of life and improved environment.
- Cross-boundary greenways could include comprehensive wastewater management strategies taking account of the larger context of discharges to the marine environment (specific and non-specific).
- Cross-boundary management of solid wastes and in particular construction wastes would be beneficial for the entire bay area.
- Regional cooperation and inter-connection of marine parks/reserves for the preservation and monitoring of Chinese White Dolphin and tracking green turtle networks should be considered to encourage understanding of the population migration and uses of the water bodies.
- Interconnecting country parks and ecological resources, should be enhanced as a priority as these are fast being depleted.

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We look forward to receiving more information in due course and are happy to continue to be actively involved in the process. No doubt the issue of the construction of further Nuclear Power Stations will enter your consideration in the light of the Fukushima drama?

Yours sincerely

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