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Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

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269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories

District Lands Office, Yuen Long,
9/F, Yuen Long Government Offices,
2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, New Territories

The gazette notice, scheme, plans and location plan will be available at www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between

- 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
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2018 Innovation and Technology Support Programme open for applications

The Innovation and Technology Commission is now inviting funding applications under the Innovation and Technology Support Programme (ITSP) of the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF).

The ITSP adopts a three-tier funding framework. This application exercise covers Tier 2 and Tier 3 funding. Tier 2 involves the funding of applied research and development projects that are industry-oriented and have potential for commercialisation, while Tier 3 involves the funding of exploratory and forward-looking projects.

The application period commenced today (July 27) and will last until September 28 this year.

Further information and application procedures on the ITSP funding schemes are available on the ITF website (www.itf.gov.hk) and can be obtained from the ITF Secretariat at 21/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong (tel: 3655 5678; fax: 2957 8726; email: enquiry@itf.gov.hk).