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Editor of South China Morning Post

Dear Editor,

Renovation of the footbridge across Aberdeen Praya Road near Ocean Court

I refer to Mr Allan Dyer's letter entitled "Facility for blind people destroyed" on August 29.

The yellow tactile paving stones at the top and the bottom of the staircases and ramps of the footbridge across Aberdeen Praya Road near Ocean Court were installed in August 2011. The footbridge was handed over to the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) in September 2011 for renovation to enhance the tourism appeal of the Aberdeen area.

The ceiling, railings and paving of the footbridge are now being renovated. The CEDD's contractor commenced the repaving works in July 2012 and has provided temporary tactile tiles as an interim measure to minimise inconvenience to blind people. Upon completion of the repaving works in October 2012, new tactile tiles will be provided.

We will closely monitor the progress of the works to ensure that the works are completed as soon as possible. We have contacted Mr Dyer and explained the case to him. We also thanked him for his interest and advice on improving the sequence of works and communication among the parties concerned.

Yours faithfully,

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