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Attn.: Mr. Tak WONG (President)

Dear Mr. Wong,

**Invitation of Application for The Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects'  
Accredited Arboricultural Practitioners (HKILA AAP)**

Thank you for your letter of 14 January 2013 to the Director of Architectural Services regarding the above matter, which has been referred to me for follow up.

The Architectural Services Department is well aware of the increasing need for a recognized quality assurance system for the local arboricultural practitioners and is pleased to note that your Institute has taken encouraging steps to help regularize the standards of the arboricultural services through the establishment of the List of HKILA AAP.

We understand that the Development Bureau has included the qualification of HKILA AAP into its current "Guidelines for Tree Risk Assessment and Management Arrangement" (the Guidelines) promulgated in December 2012 as one of the benchmark qualifications for the Inspection Officers and Endorsement Officers of the tree risk assessment exercises. As we undertake the tree risk assessment exercises for the trees under our management all using outsourced staff generally engaged under our works contracts, we have included the requirements in the Guidelines into our contract documents for compliance. We believe that our contractors have noted the significance of the HKILA AAP qualification and will encourage their appropriate staff to apply for inclusion into the List of HKILA AAP when considered necessary.

We appreciate your Institute's efforts in the development of the arboricultural industry and welcome further information related to the subject.

Yours faithfully,

(Alice Yu) (Mrs)  
for Director of Architectural Services