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Subject: West Wing is not a hot potato

Dear Carrie,

I hope this email finds you well.

I heard you talk on the news today, saying that you need to deal with two more hot potatoes before your term ends - the Ho Tung Gardens and the CGO West Wing.

West Wing is never a hot potato, Carrie, it is an asset, the people's asset, and a sensible solution is right here before our eyes, and not much needs to be changed.

The site should remain in public hands, the building, which is of equal importance as the East and Main Wings and a fine example of 1950s modern architecture, can be renovated for a mix of public uses.

Open the gates, let the people enjoy the space.

You should be proud that this site can be saved. Through research we learn more and more about this site, and through the study of our history we learn to love and treasure Hong Kong more.

We would like to share with you and the AAB/AMO three pieces of information:

1. the campaign to save Government Hill
2. the use of local granite in the construction of the CGO complex
3. Hong Kong's first underground carpark

And let me share with you the views of a humble security guard who serves at the CGO West Wing: "This site should be kept, the environment is so nice here, with so many trees and birds singing."

Over the last year and a half I talked to many people about Government Hill, we all share a simple wish: keep it for Hong Kong people, conserve, not destroy.

Make minimal changes and be friendly to the environment. Put the building into good uses. Respect our heritage.

And when you start to think positive, West Wing is no longer a hot potato, right?

Cheers,

Katty



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