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To whom it may concern:

New Initiatives from the Government to facilitate the utilisation of  
Industrial Buildings for Technology-Based Agricultural Production and  
the recent work of the Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research  
and Development Centre

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The Government has completed the review on current planning and land administration regimes to facilitate the set-up of hydroponics (and other agro-technology of similar nature) in industrial buildings / zones. Under the new amendment, “Technology-based crop and aquaculture production (excluding those involving direct provision of customer services or goods)” is regarded generally as “Non-polluting Industrial Use” always permitted in industrial buildings/zones.

The Town Planning Board has announced the new amendments on its website and via the Information Services Department on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017. For more details about the new amendments, please visit the following websites:

Town Planning Board’s website:

[http://www.info.gov.hk/tpb/en/forms/dot\\_revised\\_index\\_atoe.html](http://www.info.gov.hk/tpb/en/forms/dot_revised_index_atoe.html)

Information Services Department’s website

<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201706/16/P2017061600407.htm?fontSize=1>

Moreover, the Lands Department (LandsD) has confirmed the above use in general does not contravene the “Industrial Purposes” stipulated in land lease. LandsD is drawing up the relevant Practice Note to provide reference for the trade.

Under the new initiatives, investors interested in developing indoor technology-based crop production have an additional choice of production sites to consider.

In addition, the Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre (Hydroponic Centre), set up by the AFCD and Vegetable Market Organisation, is recently collaborating with the Nano and Advanced Materials Institute Limited (NAMI) to examine the effectiveness of Quantum Dot Nano-fibre Mat Technology and Nano Bubble Technology in improving productivity of hydroponics. The Hydroponic Centre will continue to select new vegetable varieties to serve niche markets and to offer a wider choice for the producer and the market. Once the test results are available, the Hydroponic Centre will share the research experience and findings with the trade to promote the development of local hydroponic technology.

If you have any questions about the above content, please contact me (Tel: 2689 7530).

All the best to your work!



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