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Ms Audrey AZOULAY Director General, UNESCO 7 Fontenoy Place Paris, France

Dear Ms AZOULAY,

Support for Declaration of World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability

On behalf of the members of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, I am writing to indicate the strong support of our organisation for the Declaration of 4<sup>th</sup> March of each year as World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.

The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers is a qualifying body and learned society in the engineering field in Hong Kong with the responsibilities of promoting the professional standing, interests and technical standards of local engineers across a broad spectrum of engineering specialisations.

We directly or indirectly represent 34,600 engineers.

If declared, our organisation commits to celebrating World Engineering Day with a wide range of activities that promote the role of engineering for climate change action and sustainability as urgent action is needed in these areas. Such celebrations will improve community recognition of the importance of engineering to society and the economy.

The activities to celebrate World Engineering Day is expected to encourage young people, girls and boys, to raise the number of people studying science and mathematics, increasing the intake of engineers into universities. This is critical for the sustainable development of Hong Kong.

We anticipate that our activities will reach and have an impact on 7.4 million people in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

Monica YUEN (Mrs)

Chief Executive and Secretary

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