It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for Contract No. 13/WSD/16—Mainlaying in Tseung Kwan O (Public Works Programme Item No. 9357WF). The works comprise the laying of about 10 kilometres of fresh water mains, connecting the proposed desalination plant and the existing Tseung Kwan O Fresh Water Primary Service Reservoir. The works are scheduled to commence in July 2017 and will take about 42 months to complete.

Tenders must be clearly marked with the tender reference and the subject of the tender on the outside of the envelope (but should not bear any indication which may relate the tender to the tenderer) addressed to the Chairman, Central Tender Board, and placed in Government Logistic Department Tender Box on the Ground Floor of North Point Government Offices at 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, before 12.00 noon on Friday, 31 March 2017. Late tenders will not be accepted. If a black rainstorm warning signal or tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above is in effect at any time between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on the tender closing date, the tender closing time will be postponed to 12.00 noon on the first working day after the black rainstorm warning signal has ceased to be in effect or the tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 is lowered. An announcement of change will be made through the radio.

Forms of tender and further particulars are obtainable from Water Supplies Department, 44th Floor, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong (Telephone No.: (852) 2829 4591, Fax No.: (852) 2507 5847).

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C (Confirmed) for Waterworks or joint ventures with participation of local and/or overseas contractors with the lead participant or the major shareholder being on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C (Confirmed) of Waterworks Category who also meet the qualifications and conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents are invited to tender.

Contractors not yet on the List of Approved Contractors for Public Works in Group C (Confirmed) of Waterworks Category may also submit a tender if they submit a request for participation together with a duly completed application for inclusion in the above-mentioned approved list/category by 1 March 2017 to Chief Engineer/Design, Water Supplies Department, on 46th Floor, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, meet the qualifications and conditions for participation, and the application for inclusion is duly approved on or before the tender closing date. Details for making the application are available at:—

http://www.devb.gov.hk/en/construction_sector_matters/contractors/index.html

Contractors will be liable to have their names removed from the approved list(s) if they fail or refuse to implement an accepted tender.

This tender is covered by the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization and will not involve electronic auction. This notice also serves as a summary notice required under the Agreement on Government Procurement of the World Trade Organization.

A charge will be levied for delivery of tender documents where the delivery of tender documents is requested by a tenderer. A written request must be made.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region does not bind itself to accept any tender irrespective of whether the tender is the lowest bid or where the assessment of tenders is based on a marking scheme or formula approach, the tender with the highest overall score

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region reserves the right to negotiate with any tenderer about the terms of the offer.

Details of the award of this contract will be published in the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Gazette and made available on the Internet at (http://www.gld.gov. hk/eng/services_2_c.htm).