It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate are invited for Contract No. GE/2020/03, Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme, 2017, Package A, Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Works. The works include upgrading of some 27 government slopes and retaining walls, as well as natural terrain mitigation works to some 8 natural hillside catchments in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, New Territories and Outlying Islands. The works are scheduled to commence in February 2020 and will take about 45 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, Public Works Tender Board, and placed in the Public Works Tender Box situated in Room 4128f, 41st Floor, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong before 12.00 noon on Friday, 20 December 2019. Tenders must be deposited in the tender box as specified in this tender notice ('Specified Tender Box') before the tender closing time. Late tenders and tenders not deposited in the Specified Tender Box will not be accepted.

If a tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above is hoisted, or a black rainstorm warning signal or 'extreme conditions after super typhoons' announced by the Government is/are in force at any time between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Friday, 20 December 2019, the tender closing time will be postponed to 12.00 noon on the first working day after the tropical cyclone signal No. 8 is lowered, or the black rainstorm warning signal or the 'extreme conditions after super typhoons' announced by the Government has/have ceased to be in force. In case of blockage of the public access to the location of the Specified Tender Box at any time between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon on Friday, 20 December 2019, the Government will announce extension of the tender closing time until further notice. Following removal of the blockage, the Government will announce the extended tender closing time as soon as practicable. The above announcements will be made *via* press releases on the website of Information Services Department (http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm).

Forms of tender and further particulars are obtainable from C M Wong & Associates Limited at 11th Floor, Universal Trade Centre, 3–5A Arbuthnot Road, Central, Hong Kong (Telephone No.: 2522 1068, Fax No.: 2526 3111).

Selective tendering is adopted. Contractors on the List of Approved Suppliers of Materials and Specialist Contractors for Public Works—Landslip Preventive/Remedial Works to Slopes/Retaining Walls who also meet the qualifications and conditions for participation stipulated in the tender documents are invited to tender.

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

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 the tenders is based on a marking scheme or formula approach, the tender has 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).

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