

**Administration's Response to
the submission dated May 2001 from Professor W K CHOW of
the Hong Kong Polytechnic University on
the Karaoke Establishments Bill**

The most salient issues put forward by Professor W K CHOW in the submission have been covered in his articles entitled "Review on Safety Codes Relating to Karaoke Establishments and Fire Safety Management", "Survey on the Fire Safety Requirements in Karaoke Establishments" and "A Demonstration on Working Out Fire Safety Management Schemes for Existing Karaoke Establishments in Hong Kong". The Administration has already commented on the three articles in our letter of 12 May 2001 to the Bills Committee.

In response to Professor CHOW's comment on page 3 of the submission that "[t]he objectives for protection against an "accidental fire" or an "arson fire" are not too clearly spelt out [in the Karaoke Establishments Bill]", we wish to supplement that the required fire service installation and fire safety construction are intended for fire protection in general. It would be unrealistic for the authority to prescribe special requirements to guard against arson cases.

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