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11 September 2002

Mrs Constance LI,
Clerk to Bills Committee,
LegCo Council,
HK Special Administrative Region of the
People's Republic of China,
Legislative Council Building,
8 Jackson Road, Central,
Hong Kong

Dear Mrs Li,

Bills Committee on
Inland Revenue (Amendment)(No. 2) Bill 2001

Thank you for your letter dated 15 August 2002 inviting us to give views on the captioned Bill.

This is to confirm that we do not have any comments on the provision of necessary legal framework for the use of passwords and telephones in furnishing tax returns and we will not attend the meeting to be held in October 2002. The completed Reply Slip is attached.

I understand from our telephone conversation on 24 August 2002 that some members of the Committee at earlier meeting did inquire about the charges of our digital certificates. For your information, there are four types of digital certificates issued by Hongkong Post Certificate Authority, their annual fees are :-

/Personal e-Cert.....

Personal e-Cert	\$ 50	
Organizational e-Cert	\$ 50	(per certificate)
	Plus \$150	(per application irrespective of number of subscribers)
Encipherment e-Cert	\$150	(per certificate)
	Plus \$150	(per application irrespective of number of subscribers)
Server e-Cert	\$2500	

For further information, with the introduction of Smart ID Cards in mid 2003, ID Card holder will be offered an option of having one year's free use of an e-Cert embedded into the ID Card's memory chip.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Kingsley LI)
for Postmaster General

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(Attn. : Ms Adeline WONG)
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