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Clerk to Subcommittee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
(Attn : Miss Betty Ma)

Dear Miss Ma,

**Subcommittee on Occupational Safety and Health
(Display Screen Equipment) Regulation**

I refer to your letter dated 14 December 2001 regarding the submissions from the Hong Kong Information Technology & Network Engineering Employees Association, Hong Kong Communication Industry Employees Association and Hong Kong Workers' Health Centre.

While the views in the submissions are noted, we would like to clarify a point raised in the first submission from the Hong Kong Information Technology & Network Engineering Employees Association. Under the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance and its subsidiary regulation, there is no provision requiring employers to provide a 10-minutes break for employees who continuously use display screen equipment for two hours or more. The provision of rest break is a *recommendation* in the draft Health Guide on Working with Display Screen Equipment to be published by the Labour Department.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Cheryl Chow)
for Secretary for Education and Manpower