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Dear Miss Fong,

**Election Committee (Registration) (Voters for Subsectors)
(Members of Election Committee) (Appeals) Regulation (L.N. 197)**

Further to our letter of 15 October 2001. We should be grateful for your clarification of the following points.

Section 3(6)(a)(iii)

The Chinese version of "on a date not later than 1 day before the date of hearing" is "在該聆訊日期前". It is appreciated that in this context the meaning of the Chinese version is clear. However, would it be appropriate in this case to change the corresponding English text to "on a date before the date of hearing" so as to align the English text with the Chinese text more closely?

It is also noted that, for calculation of time, "date" is used in the provision. However, in similar circumstance under section 5(2)(d)(i)(C) of Election Committee (Appeals) Regulation (L.N. 196), the term "clear day" is used. Would it be policy intent that different method of calculation of time is to be used in the two circumstances?

Sections 5(a) and 7(2)(a)

For clarity, would it be appropriate to add "beginning from 25 days before such polling date" after "21 days"?

Section 3(4)(c)

For clarity, would it be appropriate to replace "that following year and ending on 11 May in the same year" by "that next following year and ending on 11 May in that year".

It is appreciated that your reply, in both languages, could reach us by 21 October 2001.

Yours sincerely,

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