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Legislative Council
c/o Legislative Council Secretariat
The Government of the
Hong Kong Special Administration Region
3/F Citibank Tower
3 Garden Road, Central
Hong Kong

By fax & by post

Dear sir,

Consultation on Proposed Enactments Arising from Article 23 of the Basic Law

We write on behalf of the Association of Architectural Practices (AAP) in connection with the proposed enactments arising from Article 23 of the Basic Law.

Whilst it is clearly necessary to comply with the provisions of the Basic Law, including Article 23, the association believes that it would be very desirable for the required legislation to be brought about through a process of wide and in-depth consultation.

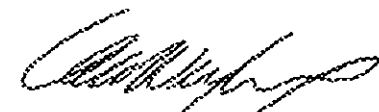
At the association's general meeting of the 20th December 2002, the membership discussed proposals advanced by the government in connection with Article 23 at length. By an overwhelming majority the meeting voted that the Government should publish its proposals to in the form of a White Paper.

The association is concerned that the manner in which consultation has been carried out, and a perceived reluctance to test the proposals in the form of a white paper, has succeeded in adversely affecting both public and international sentiment towards Hong Kong.

We note that for an international service economy such as our own the possibility of loss of confidence is extremely serious.

We trust that the views of the Association of Architectural Practices shall be noted by and of use to the Security Bureau.

Yours faithfully,
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