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Dear Ms. Chan,

Panel on Health Services
Subcommittee to monitor the implementation
of the recommendations of the SARS Expert Committee

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2003 informing me that the Panel on Health Services has agreed to form a Subcommittee to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the SARS Expert Committee by the Government and the Hospital Authority, and that its first meeting is to be held on Friday, 17 October 2003.

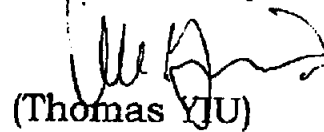
As the Government has already announced the formation of a Monitoring Committee on Implementation of the SARS Expert Committee Report's Recommendations, comprising Sir Cyril Chantler, Professor Sian Griffiths, Professor Lee Shiu Hung, Professor Rosie Young and Dr. the Hon Lo Wing Lok, forming a Subcommittee under the Panel for the same purpose, I submit, would duplicate the work of the Monitoring Committee.

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I agree that the Administration has the responsibility to regularly report progress of implementation of the recommendations to the Legislative Council. As we are having monthly meetings of the Panel on Health Services, may I propose, as an alternative to the Subcommittee, that we make the progress report a standing item for the Panel meetings; and we would tabulate the progress of each recommendation in report to the Panel.

I should be grateful if you would bring my proposal to the Chairman and members of the Panel for consideration.

Yours sincerely,



(Thomas YU)

for Secretary for Health, Welfare & Food