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Mr Stanley Ma
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Dear Mr Ma

**Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to the Provision of
Boarding Places, Senior Secondary Education and Employment
Opportunities for Children with Special Educational Needs**

Further to the meeting of the captioned Subcommittee on 25 April 2005, we would like to bring the following to the attention of the Subcommittee:

- (a) The Education and Manpower Bureau has published the report entitled "The New Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education – Action Plan for Investing in the Future of Hong Kong" (the Report) on 18 May 2005, which serves as our overall written response to the views heard so far regarding the reform of academic structure for students with special educational needs (SEN), including the parents' views gathered during their informal meeting with the Secretary for Education and Manpower on 26 April 2005. Sections A and C of Chapter 6 and Section E of Chapter 11 of the Report serve as the basis for further consultation on the arrangements for special schools under the new academic structure.
- (b) We have scheduled to conduct a series of consultation sessions for the special school sector and parents on the proposals in the Report

and will continue to meet with the sector and the parent representatives on a regular basis to consult their views on the new academic structure of special schools.

- (c) As for the review on the implementation of the Integrated Education Programme, we plan to provide a paper on it for the Subcommittee meeting scheduled for end June 2005.

25 copies of the Report are attached herewith for the easy reference of the Subcommittee Members and the deputations. The Report can also be downloaded from the EMB website at <http://www.emb.gov.hk/>.

Please feel free to contact me at 2892 6401 if you have further enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Education and Manpower