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(Attn: Mr Colin CHUI)

28 December 2004

Dear Mr Chui,

Report No. 43 of the Director of Audit
Chapter 1 : Control and monitoring of District Council expenses
and related activities

I refer to your letter of 22 December 2004.

Subsequent to the Public Accounts Committee [PAC] meeting on 8 December 2004, the Inland Revenue Department [IRD] has contacted the Home Affairs Department [HAD] regarding whether there will be any change to the remuneration package to District Council Chairmen and Members as well as the control and monitoring measures to be exercised over the reimbursable and non-reimbursable expenses.

Subject to the response of the HAD and the comments from the PAC, the IRD will proceed to implement the removal of the said administrative measure. In any event, the IRD will, through the HAD, advise the District Council Chairmen and Members to keep documentary evidence of expenses incurred from 1 April 2005 in support of their tax deduction claims for the 2005-06 final and subsequent years of assessment.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs LAU MAK Yee-ming, Alice)
Commissioner of Inland Revenue

cc Director of Home Affairs
Director of Audit